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From Our Own Correspondent.

ALBANY, Friday, March 18, 1870.

The whole interest of today's legislative proceedings centered in the Assembly, where the inharmonious Democracy, fresh from the drunken orgies of St. Patrick's night, got into a general row among themselves, and exposed each other's rottenness in a manner highly gratifying and entertaining to the Republican side of the House, and at the same time graphically illustrative of Gov. HOFFMAN's "honest Legislature." The row was commenced by TOM. FIELDS, of New-York, and grew out of the One Hundredth and Twenty-fifth Street Railroad bill that passed the Senate several days ago and came up for a third reading in the Assembly this morning. FIELDS had assumed the task of "engineering" the bill through the Assembly, and as the yeas and nays were being called on its final passage, he discovered that it was going to be lost. GRENT, the author of the bill, was sent for, and came down from the Senate and fitted about the Assembly Chamber, begging votes for his bill or threatening vengeance when they were refused, while FIELDS sat in his seat cursing and swearing in the most excited manner, and loud enough to be heard half across the Chamber. At length, being unable to stand it any longer, he arose to a "question of privilege," and, boiling with rage, his face crimson and his voice raised to the ear-splitting pitch, delivered himself of the following speech:

"My question of privilege is this: Sir, I think it is about time that some man in this Assembly rose in his place and preserve the dignity and propriety of this body; and I wish to state here in regard to this bill, that a gentleman, a member of the Assembly, waited upon me and told me that he was at the head of ten members who would vote for the passage of this bill, according as I made it convenient to him, and that was Mr. AINSWORTH, the member from Saratoga. I stand as a Democrat here to preserve the dignity of this House. I believe this pass, that no measure can be presented to this House, which can be passed, without such influence and bribery, or no man in any position here as a Democrat in this House and in this State can consider as otherwise than infamous, disgraceful, and beneath the dignity and character of this House. Sir, I have sat in my seat as long as I will sit. I have said in my heart that I will not, as a citizen, the friend and slave of the members of this House, laboring day and night, hour after hour, to promote the public interests of this State, and when any bill is proposed that has a private character, I have been approached by a member from Saratoga with my principles and character cannot sit quietly here, and I denounce it. It is disgraceful to this House; it is beneath the dignity and character of a representative of the people, and I will not sit here, as I will brand it always, as beneath the character of a representative of the people. Here is a bill, Mr. Speaker, simply to put up at auction in the City of New-York the right to lay a railroad track, and because it is a railroad in my district, I, as a gentleman who might be supposed to advocate this bill upon this floor, I am approached in the manner that I have just been approached, and I will repeat, as I have repelled it in this instance, all approaches of that character. I regret to say that I am compelled to do what I am doing now for the dignity and character of this House, and I say here, that I am ready to vote in favor of any bill that I may present unless it is fair and reasonable that it should be voted for, and I also say that any bill relating to my district ought not to be passed unless some gentleman, imagine that it confers benefits upon others. I say that every member has a right to make such approaches as have been made to me on this bill."

When FIELDS mentioned the name of AINSWORTH in his speech, that gentleman, who is a Democrat, arose and pronounced his assertion false, and at the conclusion of FIELDS' remarks, Mr. AINSWORTH repeated that every statement made with regard to himself was "wholly false." He further said that Mr. FIELDS came to him and asked him to vote for the bill, and, on his intimating that he intended to vote against it, FIELDS threatened, if he did so, to kill every bill of his that came before the Legislature. The clerk then proceeded with the call of the roll, and immediately a large number of members commenced changing their votes from "no" to "aye." Mr. FRANZINI, who sits directly in front of AINSWORTH, in explaining his vote said that he had over and over again heard the gentleman from New-York (FIELDS) use the most violent, threatening, abusive and grossly profane language towards members on this floor because they would not vote as he wished them to. Such a man was not the person to talk about the character and dignity of this House. Mr. IRVING subsequently arose to a question of privilege, and said that while the vote on the bill was being taken he went to Mr. FIELDS' seat to ask him about the character of the bill, the having just entered the Chamber, and found Mr. FIELDS in the greatest excitement, swearing all sorts of oaths and repeating that "he would be d—d if any bill should pass that House unless members voted for this bill of his." The vote on the bill was finally announced as 56 in the affirmative to 14 in the negative. The One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street Railroad bill is the same that Gov. HOFFMAN vetoed last year on the ground that the franchise ought to be sold at public auction. The present bill avoids this objection by providing that the franchise be sold at auction by the Sheriff of the City and County of New-York. The bill as it stands will doubtless be signed by the Governor, and it only remains for the people interested in the road to see that the sale is publicly and fairly made.

THE SPEAKER OVERRULED.

The Republicans, as a matter of course, heartily relished the little family quarrel among their Democratic friends, and were not sorry to see it renewed, as it was soon after by Mr. KIERNAN offering a resolution for the appointment of a committee to investigate the charges made by FIELDS against AINSWORTH, and conversely. He said that it was due to the character of the Assembly that these charges, which would go broadcast over the State through the Press, should be thoroughly investigated. Mr. AINSWORTH agreed with him and demanded an investigation. FIELDS now took the floor again and moved to amend the resolution by striking out the insertion of the exact words used by each in speaking of AINSWORTH. The amendment was accepted, and the Clerk was about to write out the speech. Mr. STANTON, of Kings, now rose and beside AINSWORTH, then moved to strike out the resolution. That AINSWORTH's reply to FIELDS should also be inserted in the resolution. This was strongly opposed by FIELDS, and it was discovered that by some unaccountable blunder or omission the stenographer had failed to take down the words of Mr. AINSWORTH. The resolution, however, was soon supplied by the statement by Mr. AINSWORTH of his own remarks, which was verified as correct by half-a-dozen members sitting near him. But FIELDS now raised the point of order that the resolution could not be inserted in the resolution, because they had not been the stenographer's minutes of accuracy. The Speaker decided the point of order well taken, and a long and confused debate ensued as to the propriety or fairness of such a decision, which looked like an attempt to shield FIELDS at the expense of AINSWORTH. An appeal was taken from the decision of the Speaker, and a score of speeches were made by members in explanation of their vote. LITTLEJOHN, AYCRIGG and others, better versed in parliamentary proceedings, took ground against the Speaker, and his decision was overruled by a vote of 40 to 41. On the announcement of the vote, FIELDS again took the floor and made a most violent and insulting harangue, in which he charged the whole House, or at least all who had refused to sustain the Speaker, with attempting to shield the man whom he claimed to have made a "criminal" by his accusation, and with trying to cover up corruption. He was several times called to order, and once or twice was decided to be out of order by the Speaker. He finally closed his harangue by offering a further amendment to the resolution that the Committee be directed to inquire into all controversies that had taken place between members themselves or between them and outsiders in reference to any and all bills that had come before the Assembly during the entire session. The proposition was greeted with general ridicule. Mr. BERGEN made a comical speech against it, and ended by characterizing the proposition itself, together with the language that accompanied it, as disgraceful and insulting to the whole House and unbecoming a gentleman. Mr. HOWARD asked who would investigate the Committee? The amendment was voted down almost unanimously, after which the original resolution, with MOSELEY's amendment, was adopted, the Committee was appointed and the House adjourned.

TRAGRANTE DELICTO OF THE NOW.

The scene, thus briefly described, is the whole talk among members since the adjournment, and there is a good deal of speculation as to the effect it will have on bills now pending. The New-York Police bill, Supervisor's bill and new charter are made the special order for Tuesday next, and it is believed they will now stand no chance of passing even if they had any chance before. The country members are indignant almost to a man at the treatment Mr. AINSWORTH received from FIELDS, and nothing that the latter supports hereafter will be aided, to say the least, by his advocacy. There has been much complaint from the beginning of the session of his insulting, overbearing and browbeating demeanor toward other members, and they have now resolved to stand it no longer. They begin to canvass his record and character in and out of the Legislature very openly, and in speaking of "corruption" do not hesitate to characterize the "insurance investigation," of which he is the author and leading spirit, as the most shameless "strike" of the whole session. It is evident that TOM FIELDS has run himself out for this Legislature, and the sooner he resigns and returns to the performance of his duties as Corporation Attorney of New-York the better pleased will be a majority of the members.

THE SECTARIAN SCHOOL BILL.

The opponents of Mr. WHITE's bill to repeal the law appropriating money to sectarian schools are resorting to pretty bold measures to defeat it. The Assembly Committee on Public Education, which has the bill in charge, held a meeting yesterday afternoon, seven out of the nine members being present, viz.: Flagg, Chairman; Kiernan, Pease, Pearsall, Walker, Davis and Lowry—the last three Republicans. BARNES and SWART (Democrats) were absent. Mr. WALKER moved to take up the bill, when the Chairman said he had not it with him, but that it was in a drawer in another room, where the Committee last met. The Clerk being sent after the bill, returned and reported that it could not be found. Mr. WALKER then said that the bill was a short one and its contents were well understood by all present, and he therefore moved that it be reported for the consideration of the House. Mr. PEARSALL supported the motion, saying that there had been a great pressure on him from his constituents in favor of the bill and he must vote to report it and was ready to do so now. Mr. KIERNAN moved an amendment that the further consideration of the bill be postponed till Tuesday next. The Chairman put the motion on the amendment when KIERNAN and he responded "yes," and the other five members "nay." FLAGG declared that the "yeas" had it, refused to call the "yeas" and "nays" separately, and immediately declared the Committee adjourned. It is rumored that the opponents of the bill intend, before the next meeting of the Committee, to get it out of their hands by offering a resolution in the House to transfer it to the Committee on Cities. Should they succeed in this, the bill would be buried for the remainder of the session, but they are not likely to succeed. It has already been transferred from one Committee to another once, with the design of smothering it, and the thing cannot be done again without the members being compelled to "show their hand."

BILLS IN A SCRAPE.

The pressure of public opinion in favor of the repeal of the infamous Erie "Directors' bill" of last year is becoming so great as to threaten, for once, to overcome the Erie lobby. It is said that the Senate Railroad Committee have concluded to report the Repeal bill—at least "for consideration"—and leave the rest to fate and JAY GOULD. If it goes through the Senate, it is believed it may be killed in the House. The Erie gang are prepared to spend money without stint to defeat it, but, unfortunately for them, their previous transactions in the lobby have not left them in very good odor even among men who make a business of selling their votes. There is what is called "honor among thieves"—such as it is—and even this cheap kind of honor, according to the thieves and lobbyists, is not possessed by GOULD and FISK. They do not keep their promises, and the corruption fund is not always forthcoming after the corrupt job is finished. They hand out packages of money to their agents, purporting to contain thousands, which, on being opened, only contain hundreds. The story goes that they played this trick on the Clerk of the House two years ago, giving him a package of $10,000, which they said contained $90,000, and then accused him of stealing the balance. This and other like games have brought them into almost as bad repute with professional lobbyists as they are with Erie stockholders. They are unanimously voted untrustful, unreliable, slippery and mean. As a victimized lobbyist very forcibly put it, in the hearing of your correspondent, the other day: "They would steal the gold spectacles off the eyes of their dead father, and then turn around and swear the old gentleman never had any spectacles on." It is certain, therefore, that no hammering will be done with Erie "on behalf" this Winter, and if the bill to repeal the Directors' act is killed, it will have to be done with really money, and plenty of it. S.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

SENATE....ALBANY, Friday, March 18, 1870.

BILLS PASSED.

The following were passed:

Incorporating the Number Four Court in the City Court of Brooklyn, and regulating the civil and criminal jurisdiction thereof; incorporating the Industrial Exhibition Company of New-York; the General State Appropriation Bill; to reorganize the Police Department of the City and County of New-York.

THE SEARCHLIGHT.

Mr. M. HOWARD introduced a concurrent resolution, providing an amendment to the State Constitution as follows, which was laid over under the rule:

Resolved, If the Assembly concur, that section 1 of article 3 of the Constitution of this State be amended so as to read as follows:

SECTION 1. Every male citizen of the age of twenty-one years, who shall have been a citizen for ten days, and shall have resided in this State one year next preceding an election, and for the last four months a resident of the county where he may offer his vote, and every male person of the age aforesaid, shall be a resident of the United States at the time this provision shall be adopted and ratified by the people, who shall, at least ten days before the election at which the same is to be voted upon, cause to be published in at least one newspaper in each county of the State, the substance of the proposed amendment, and shall also cause the same to be read at the usual place of holding elections in each ward or township in the State, and shall be entitled to vote at all elections for Members of Congress and for all State officers and for all officers now or hereafter elected by the people, and for all officers who now or hereafter may be elected by the people from such territorial division as may be fixed by the laws, and which the officer is to be chosen for whom he offers his vote, provided that in the time of war no election shall be held by any citizen of the United States in the army or navy thereof, who shall be in the actual service of his country, or who shall be absent from the State, and the Legislature shall have power to provide the manner in which and the time and place at which such absent voters may vote and for the manner and return of such votes to the election districts in which they are respectively entitled to vote, or otherwise.

Resolved, If the Assembly concur, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the Legislature to be chosen at the next general election of Senators and Members in conformity to section 1 of article 12 of the Constitution, it be published for three months previous to the time of such election.

CONFIRMATIONS.

A number of Notaries Public, also the appointment of MICHAEL DOLEARTY as Police Commissioner at Albany, were confirmed in Executive session, and the Senate then adjourned till Monday evening.

ASSEMBLY.

CORRUPTION—CHARGES AGAINST MEMBERS.

The bill authorizing the construction of a railroad in One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street and other streets in New-York, came up on its passage, and while the vote was being taken Mr. FIELDS rose to a question of privilege, and proceeded to accuse Mr. AINSWORTH, of Saratoga, of saying that he (AINSWORTH) was at the head of ten men, and if it was made agreeable to him and them he and the others would vote for this bill otherwise they would not support it.

Mr. AINSWORTH denied in toto all Mr. FIELDS said. He had voted no on this bill, and Mr. FIELDS came to him to get him to change his vote, which he declined to do. That was the only conversation between Mr. FIELDS and himself, and he defied proof to the contrary. He demanded an investigation. The matter was here dropped, and the vote was proceeded with and the bill was passed.

Mr. KIERNAN then moved an investigation of Mr. FIELDS' charges by a Committee of five.

Mr. MOSELEY moved an amendment to the effect that Mr. AINSWORTH had charged Mr. FIELDS with violently threatening him (Mr. AINSWORTH) with killing all his bills if he did not vote for this measure, he also investigated.

After a long debate Mr. MOSELEY's amendment was adopted, and the resolution as amended was carried.

Messrs. LITTLEJOHN, PATRICK, SNOW, SEIFRIED and KIERNAN were appointed the Committee to make the investigation.

BILLS PASSED.

The following were also passed:

Incorporating the Traders' Savings Bank of the City of New-York; authorizing the Flushing and Northside Railroad to construct a draw-bridge over Flushing Creek; to provide for the election of Judges of the Court of Appeals and Justices of the Common Pleas of the City of New-York.

STREET-CAR FARE.

Mr. MITCHELL reported the bill reducing the fare on street-cars to five cents each passenger going as far as Sixty-fifth-street, New-York, and making other like provisions; also, setting apart a park for the National Guard in Brooklyn. Adjourned.

A Pawnbroker Assaulted and Robbed in His Office—Desperate Assault on a Servant.

Yesterday afternoon a clerk in the employ of JOSEPH A. JACKSON, a pawnbroker, at No. 4 Amity-street, received a note, apparently in the handwriting of an intimate acquaintance in the lower part of the City, requesting an immediate personal interview on a matter of great importance. The clerk at once went to the designated place, but upon meeting his friend the latter disclaimed writing the note, and said that he had no business whatever with the clerk. The latter hastened back to the office, and upon entering the room, found Mr. JACKSON lying in a chair with blood streaming from a wound in his eye. The latter was irrational in consequence of the blow. As upon examination, the clerk found that the watch and diamond pin of his employer, with about $600, were missing, he inferred that he had been decoyed away by some desperate thief, and been assaulted and robbed. The Fifteenth Precinct Police were notified and Capt. FORSYTH took the same view of the case, but as the injured man is still incapable to make any explanation of the affair, the Police are unable to do anything. The wound of Mr. JACKSON is of a severe but not dangerous character.

Thursday night a fracas occurred at the Manhatten Gas Works, corner of Twenty-first and Avenue C, during which MOSES SLOAN, the foreman, was kicked in the lower part of the abdomen by GEORGE MOORE, one of the laborers. SLOAN was taken to his home, No. 606 East Fifty-second-street, and Dr. Fuller do not appear to have been informed of the affair until last evening when SLOAN was found to be in a dangerous condition. MOORE was then arrested and locked up in the Eighteenth Precinct Station-house to await the result of the injuries.

Burning of the New-Jersey Central Freight Building at Communipaw—Two Men Burned to Death Outright and One Killed—Loss $120,000.

The freight depot of the New-Jersey Central Railroad, at the terminus of the road south of Jersey City, was burned last evening, together with twelve loaded cars and a quantity of freight. The loss was serious in the amount of property destroyed, as well as in loss of life and injury of persons.

The fire broke out at about 6 o'clock in the business room at the east end of the building, and spread rapidly until the entire structure was enveloped in flames. Whether the fire was caused by an overheated stove or by coals falling out upon the floor has not been ascertained, but it appears from the statements of some of the men that the inmates were not apprised that a fire was in progress until the flames rolled out from the room and spread through the building. At this moment HENRY JOHNSON, a night watchman, was sitting in another small room near the business-room, attempted, it is said, to suppress the flames by throwing pails of water upon the burning timbers. A beam fell upon him while he was at work, and while he was confined by the weight the fire wrapped around him, burning him almost to a cinder. The flames swept on westward, consuming freight and cars, and evidently threatening the passenger depot, which was saved by the removal from the freight building by a space of about fifty feet. Twelve freight cars, loaded for the most part with grain, were destroyed, the efforts of the firemen and workmen being insufficient to draw them away in time. Six horses standing in a car near the end of the depot were burned to death before they could be reached. The fire had been in progress nearly an hour before the fire companies from Jersey City and Bergen had arrived upon the spot, and it was then too late to save the building, but by vigorous exertions the passenger depot was preserved, and several cars that would otherwise have been consumed, were taken out of the reach of the flames. At about 8 o'clock the fire companies began to retire, but a few remained until 12½ o'clock this morning, when the fire was finally quenched, only a few blackened timbers remaining. Besides the watchman Johnson, who is known to have been burned to death, and whose body was recovered, there was one other, MICHAEL CUFFY, also a watchman, who is supposed to have been burned. He was in the building a short time before the fire broke out, and has not since been seen. He resided with his family in Fifty-third-street, this City. EDWARD FLANNERY, a member of Engine Company No. 4 of Jersey City, was struck in the back by the pole of the engine-tender of No. 3, Bergen Company, and was fatally injured. He was carried to his home in Sussex-street, Jersey City, where he is reported to have died at 10 o'clock last evening. A large crowd of men standing upon an elevated platform at the foot of Greene-street, across the cove, opposite the fire, broke through the platform. Four persons were injured by the falling boarding and timbers. The completion, so far as has been learned, the list of casualties.

The loss by the fire is estimated at $120,000. The insurance could not be learned.

JOHN MCGARR, a laborer, residing in Cliff-street, in this City, was seriously burned, and his injuries, it is feared, are mortal. He was removed to Bellevue Hospital.

A Stabbing Affray.

At a late hour last evening JAMES and PATRICK MOONEY, two brothers, forced their way into the room of Mrs. JULIA GORMAN, at No. 225 East Twenty-fifth-street, and brutally assaulted the woman and her young daughter. EDWARD GORMAN, her son, aged fourteen years, who was present, endeavored to protect his mother and sister, and in doing so stabbed PATRICK MOONEY in the right breast, inflicting a severe wound. The Police arrived at this juncture and took the boy in charge, and he was locked up in the Eighteenth Precinct Station-house, where JAMES MOONEY was also detained. PATRICK was sent to Bellevue Hospital in an ambulance.

GENERAL TELEGRAMS.

RICHMOND, VA.

The War of the Station—The Stage of the Station Continued—Occupation of a Portion of the Station—A Negro Shot.

RICHMOND, Va., March 18.—The condition of affairs here is not much changed since last night. Both Mayor ELLISON and Mayor CAHOON had interviews with Gen. CANBY this morning. CAHOON's party, with the exception of three or four who were starved out, and came out that morning, still hold the lower Station-house. They have been without food since Wednesday night. DANIEL RAGGNSDALE, colored, was shot and killed this morning by the special policemen for entering there when they were clearing the streets of the crowd around the lower Station-house. Mayor ELLISON's Police still have possession of the city buildings, with the exception of the Station-house.

The Stage Raided by Gen. Canby—Eighteen's Police Stowed by the Negroes—One Negro Killed and Three Wounded.

RICHMOND, Va., March 18.—This afternoon Gen. CANBY interfered in the municipal troubles by sending a guard of soldiers and raising the siege at the lower Station-house, and giving free egress and ingress to all having business there. This action, he says, had no reference to the question of the Mayoralty, but is taken purely as a precaution against any acts of disorder or violence. This movement is applauded by the friends of CAHOON, and was protested against by ELLISON as an unwarrantable interference with the civil law of the State. When the military took possession of the Station-house, Mayor ELLISON's Police left, and being stoned by the crowd of colored men, the Police charged upon them. About fifty shots were fired, and two or three colored men were wounded. Affairs have since quieted down. To-morrow both Mayors will have a Police force on the streets, and hold independent Courts. Trouble is apprehended. The Council is in session to-night considering what is to be done.

RICHMOND, Va., March 18—10 P. M.—The City Council, to-night, passed an ordinance abolishing the Station-houses now in the hands of CAHOON's Police; authorizing Mayor ELLISON to call out the Fire Brigade as Police; pledging the city to pay all the Special Police sworn in by Mayor ELLISON; authorizing the City Court to be held in the City Hall, and pledging Mayor ELLISON the earnest support of the Council in his efforts to maintain the peace of the city against the lawless men occupying against it. The city is quiet this evening. The casualties of the day were one man killed and three wounded. Mayor CAHOON has his headquarters at the lower Station-house where the military guard is, and Mayor ELLISON's head-quarters are at the City Hall. Mayor ELLISON's Police patrol the city tonight.

THE SCAFFOLD.

A Murderer Hanged in Little Valley—Confession and Penitence of the Criminal.

LITTLE VALLEY, N. Y., March 18.—THEODORE NICKLOS was hanged in this place today for the murder of Dr. ANDREW MEAD, in Allegany, N. Y., in December last. Since his arrest NICKLOS has made a confession, detailing the manner in which the crime was committed. He assaulted his victim with a fire-shovel, and beat him in the most shocking manner till life was extinct. He then fled, taking with him the watch and money of the murdered man. NICKLOS was arrested in Buffalo, and through the medium of the stolen watch, was convicted and sentenced to be hanged today. He showed great indifference to his fate up to the time of his execution. The gallows was erected in the jail-yard. The condemned left the jail in charge of Sheriff COOPER, leaning upon two deputies. He was preceded by Fathers SONG and BLOOMER, and followed by some of the county officers. He ascended the platform with a firm step. The death-warrant was then read and the rites of the Catholic Church performed. He was overwhelmed at the last moments and wished Father SONG to say for him that he was sorry for all the sins he had ever committed and that he hoped for salvation, and trusted that his fate would be a warning to all young people. He dropped eight feet and died without a struggle. His body was delivered to his friends.

EUROPE.

The French Amnesty in the Cabinet—Disagreement of Members—The Proposed France-Austrian Alliance—A Spanish Pension for Castanon's Family.

PARIS, March 18.—A semi-official journal announces that, owing to disagreements of opinion among the Ministers at the last meeting of the Cabinet, the proposed amnesty was abandoned....The *Journal Francais* asserts that the Archduke ALBERT of Austria, who before his visit to Paris was opposed to a Franco-Austrian alliance, is now favorable to the project....The Commune of France at Philadelphia and Richmond have been abolished, and the Vice-Consulate at Chicago has been made a full Consulate.....The *Marseillaise* of today announces that as all its editors have gone to Tours, in order to be present at the Prince Bonaparte homicide trial, that journal will be edited there for the time.

MADRID, March 18.—In the Cortes today a resolution granting a pension of $200 to each of the children of Señor CASTANON, late editor of the *Voz de Cuba*, gave rise to an interesting debate, during which enthusiastic speeches were made in favor of the preservation of Spanish authority in Cuba. The resolution was adopted.

The Pope's Health—The Leaders of the Opposition in the Council—Spain and the Council—Rome Without the French Troops.

LONDON, March 18.—A well-informed correspondent at Rome, telegraphs that the rumor of the Pope's illness is confirmed. The Bishops of Besancon and Nevers take the lead in the opposition to the infallibility dogma.

MADRID, March 18.—Owing to the attitude taken by the Pope, the Government has decided not to send a special envoy to the Ecumenical Council. It is believed here that the proclamation of Papal infallibility will do great injury to the cause of the Church in Spain, where the manifest tendency now is to freedom in religious matters.

PARIS, March 18.—The *Opinion Nationale* has a remarkable editorial today. It demands the withdrawal of the French troops from Rome, the renunciation of the Concordat, and the suppression of the Budget for public worship; and declares that, should these measures be carried out, nothing would be left in Rome but imbecility and fraud.

British Parliament—Expulsion of Newspapers from Japan.

LONDON, March 18.—In the House of Commons this evening, Mr. OTWAY, Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, admitted that the Japanese had expelled foreigners from Nagasaki. He said Sir H. S. PARKES, the British Minister to Japan, had remonstrated, but his representations were too late. Out of 2,800 foreigners who had entered Nagasaki, only not were suffered to remain. The Naturalization bill was again taken up. Mr. VERNON HARCOURT supported the amendment suggested by JOHN BRIGHT, namely: That the basis of the bill should be religious equality. Without this its provisions were unjust. He objected to relegating sectarian controversy to the vestries. The schools in the rural districts were soon to be monopolized by the Church. Parliament to provide

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FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS.

SECOND SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Friday, March 18.

Mr. CONKLING, from the Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the credentials of Gen. HAMPTON, reported the same back with a resolution that Gen. HAMPTON is not eligible to a seat in the Senate of the United States from the State of Mississippi.

Senator CONKLING (report on the credentials of Gen. Ames, only attorney in the constitutional argument that a person to be eligible as a Senator of the United States, must be an inhabitant of the State for which he is chosen, and not be a resident of it when elected.) The election in this instance occurred on the 8th of January, 1870, at which time Gen. Ames was a military officer, stationed in Mississippi by order of a supreme military authority, and was acting as Provisional Governor by appointment from Gen. McDowell. In the opinion of the Judiciary Committee his presence in those two elections did not confer any legal residence, notwithstanding his declaration when presented to present a candidate for the Senate that he intended to leave the army and reside in Mississippi, that intention was not carried into effect, and the resignation of his commission from the army, which was accepted by the President before signing the bill to admit the State.

Mr. RICE, as a member of the Committee, said he did not concur in the report.

MEMORIALS.

Mr. CRAGIN presented a memorial of the Chief of Bureaus in the Navy Department, setting forth that the system of their compensation, and asking that when any officers below the rank of Rear-Admiral shall be appointed chief of a naval bureau, he shall have the sea pay and allowances of a Commodore. The petition is recommended to the favorable consideration of the Committee on Naval Affairs by Secretary ROBESON and President GRANT.

Mr. CAMERON presented a memorial of underwriters and merchants of Philadelphia, in regard to the *Alabama* claims. Also, a memorial of Irish citizens, in favor of protection of domestic industries.

Mr. WILSON presented a memorial of the Choctaw nation of Indians, remonstrating against the enactment of bills to consolidate Indian tribes and organize a Territorial Government for them, and to authorize the construction of certain railroads through the Indian Territory.

RESOLUTIONS FROM LEGISLATURES.

Mr. RAMSEY presented resolutions of the Legislature of Minnesota in reference to Fort Ridgely Reservation and Sault St. Marie Canal.

Mr. CONKLING presented resolutions of the Assembly of the State of New-York, favoring an appropriation for the construction of a breakwater off Port Jefferson Bay.

Mr. HAMLIN presented resolutions of the Legislature of Maine, relating to claims against the United States for interest on advances made by Massachusetts during the war of 1812.

BILLS INTRODUCED.

Mr. KELLOGG introduced a bill authorizing mail steam-ship service between New-Orleans and certain ports in Mexico.

It authorizes the Post-master General to contract with Messrs. GARRISON, MORGAN, HARE, MORGAN, CRESSY and associates for semi-monthly service during ten years, with a subsidy of $100,000 annually—the steamships to be first-class and constructed within eighteen months in the United States.

Mr. MORTON introduced a bill to increase the pension of the widow of the late Gen. HOUSSMAN.

Mr. KELLOGG introduced a bill to restore to New-Orleans the Branch Mint property in that city.

TEHUANTEPEC SHIP CANAL.

Mr. FENTON presented the following joint resolution:

Whereas, The commerce of the world, and more especially that of the Western Hemisphere, renders it important that a ship canal should be constructed across the American Isthmus; and

Whereas, The Government of the Republic of Mexico has conceded to an American Company the privilege of opening inter-oceanic communication by means of a railway across the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, and now proposes to add thereto a concession for a ship canal of the right;

Resolved, That if the President of the United States shall obtain the assent of the Government of Mexico, then the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to detail a corps of engineers to make a survey of the summit of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, to ascertain if there be sufficient water at the summit of said isthmus for a ship canal; and if it should be found on examination, that there is sufficient water, then a survey of the isthmus for a ship canal shall be made from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean, together with the complete plans, profiles and estimates for the same, under such regulations and with such provisions as the Committee on Foreign Relations may recommend.

THE GEORGIA BILL.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the Georgia Bill. Mr. WILSON offered the following as an amendment to the bill:

"That in consequence of the illegal, disorganizing and revolutionary proceedings of the General Assembly of Georgia, it shall be and hereby is declared, that the terms of office of the members of that Assembly date from the 24th of January, 1870, and shall continue until the persons to be chosen on the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1872, as members of the General Assembly of Georgia are qualified; provided, that the last clause of the fourth sub-division of the first section of the third article of the Constitution of Georgia, in the following words: 'Members of the General Assembly may be elected at the time of election and the members elect shall hold until their successors are elected and qualified,' shall never be by any Legislature construed so as to extend the term of any office beyond the regular period herein fixed, and said Constitution, and the laws of said General Assembly shall, by joint resolution, consent to this fundamental condition before this act shall take effect."

Mr. POMEROY, of Kansas, said that the condition of things in Georgia was in some respects like that which existed in Kansas before her admission into the Union. He then argued that the Government organized in Georgia, with BULLOCK as Governor, was at the time and was now a Provisional Government. He meant by that a Government for the time being and provided for the occasion, not a State Government with the seal of validity, and stamped with the approval of Congress. The first election was held, not under the Constitution of Georgia, but only by the authority delegated by Congress in the Reconstruction laws and executed by the Commanding General in that State. His own view was that the personalities concerning Gov. BULLOCK and others, had nothing to do with the question. If bad men had been elected to office there was the remedy by impeachment. There should be no effort on the part of Congress to cut off the term of office of any man because it was said that he was a bad man; and that he intended to perpetuate his own office. No power was given to any man to perpetuate his term longer than that for which he was elected. There was no provision when the term expired, because there was no date as to the time it commenced. He declared himself to be in favor of Senator WILSON's amendment striking out the Bingham amendment, and declaring and fixing the term of the present members of the Legislature, &c.

Mr. EDMUNDS controverted some of the positions of Mr. POMEROY.

Mr. WILLIAMSON protested against the construction put upon the Constitution of Georgia, particularly by the Senator from Michigan, (Mr. HOWARD.)

Mr. EDMUNDS did not know how he should vote, but he wished to be understood as in no way acquiescing in the construction that the members of the Legislature can perpetuate themselves in office. Such a construction was repugnant to the spirit of our institutions and our republican form of government; and, therefore, it would require express language in the Constitution to sustain the position. Such a power had never before been claimed anywhere in this country. It ought not to stand on mere inference or doubtful construction.

Mr. HOWARD briefly explained his position.

Mr. SYWART, of Nevada, spoke of difficulties in the way of agreement, and was in favor of fixing the time for the continuance of the Legislature, say for two years, because there could not now be a fair election, owing to inadequate protection to life and property. No man dared to attempt to execute the laws in consequence of the Ku-klux and other disturbers of the peace. He proposed to give the benefit of the doubt in favor of law and order, in favor of reconstruction. If the Legislature could have all the regular term, of a part of which it was deprived by the expulsion of loyal members and the admission of rebels, there would be a fair chance of regaining a loyal Legislature for the protection of the State. If an election should take place next Fall, the loyal men, for the reasons stated, would not succeed.

Mr. SCHURZ, of Missouri, said the question was not whether Georgia should be admitted, but whether the so-called Bingham amendment should be adopted or rejected. He then briefly alluded to the political condition of Georgia, saying she now appeared as having complied with the conditions precedent partly in 1868 and partly in February, 1870. The Legislature and all that it had done were under the sanction of the State Constitution. If, as he contended, Congress validated the acts of the Legislature, they must, therefore, necessarily have validated the body that passed them—that ratified the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States. The clause in relation to the election of Members of the Legislature could only mean one thing. If by any unavoidable accident the qualification of officers and members became impracticable, then only then in office could hold over but this could take place. It did not mean that the officers and members arbitrarily, and by their own act, could continue themselves in office. He could come to no other conclusion than to continue the Legislature in existence for two years beyond the term for which the members were elected could be an act of usurpation and bad usurpation, and further, if Congress countenanced such an outrage, and encouraged or winked at it with a full knowledge of the facts and with power to prevent it, Congress would make itself responsible. In reply to the gentleman who preceded him, he said if the laws could not be carried out in Georgia then the State could be declared in a state of insurrection. Did Senators doubt the power or willingness of Congress to pass the necessary laws to suppress insurrection? Was not the Executive power wielded by a President who would execute the laws with vigor? It did not surprise him that men of the Southern States were passing through the process of second fermentation. Like fevers, the troubled must work themselves out. The evil did not exist because certain men are in power, but because of the peculiar views and education of the Southern people. The only cure is in reform, which is a plant of slow growth.

Mr. DRAKE, of Missouri, said he should vote to strike out the proviso.

The Senate then voted on and agreed to Mr. MORTON's amendment:

That so much of the Army act of 1867 as prohibits the commander and acting commander from being by the Governors of the Southern States be and the same is hereby repealed.

Mr. DRAKE offered the following amendment:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to call upon the Governors of the several States where such organizing or combination shall have been represented to exist, shall declare martial law of such counties or districts, with the suspension of the writ of habeas corpus, if such suspension shall be authorized by the Proclamation and shall take all measures known to martial law for the suppression of such organizations and combinations, and shall hold and maintain such jurisdiction over all persons arrested by his order until their cases shall be finally disposed of, and shall cause the Governor to report to the Legislature of such county or district a sum of money sufficient to pay the expenses of the transportation of such troops from the point where they were ordered to the place of trial, the operation of such trial, and all other expenses of the command which shall be thereafter sustained for the purpose aforesaid, and the section shall apply to any case in any of said States where the President may have heretofore sent a military force without the request of the Legislature or Governor thereof, for the suppression of domestic violence, and if the army of the United States shall be so employed or employed as that it cannot, in the judgment of the President, be advantageously used for this service, he shall call out and organize a sufficient number of the militia of the States which have not been in armed hostility to the United States to accomplish such suppression, and the provisions of this section shall apply to the militia so called out and organized.

Mr. DRAKE stated the reasons which induced him to offer this amendment. Among them was the one that while it would protect loyal men, and would eradicate all the illegal and murderous organizations to which reference was made. Not only was the plan suggested for Georgia, but for Tennessee and North Carolina and other States, where it was necessary to put down the midnight and masked assassins.

Mr. TRUMBULL, of Illinois, said the law was at present ample to suppress insurrection. What went beyond that was no monstrous, to be adopted in a time of peace, that he simply contented himself with saking the yeas and nays.

Mr. DRAKE replied that he thought the amendment could not be squelched by an adjective. The Senator from Illinois said it was so monstrous that it should not be adopted in time of peace. To be sure there was not peace where there was war, and so far as the marshaling of armed forces and the sound of the cannon and the bugle, it was a time of national peace; but there were some localities where there was no peace and where he declared to make the criminal population feel the consequences of their acts. He denied that the present law to suppress insurrection was amply sufficient. It might be if there was an insurrection in open day, but the grave crimes to which he had alluded were secretly perpetrated under cover of the night.

Mr. THAYER, of Nebraska, said he was ready to vote for this proposition, although it might seem monstrous to that Senator. He was ready to vote for a proposition still more monstrous, to strike the rebels harder blows until they surrendered to the authority of the United States. He wanted the yeas and nays. The yeas and nays were ordered.

After further debate by Mr. CARPENTER and Mr. HAMLIN, in opposition to the amendment, the Senate, at 5 o'clock, on motion of Mr. HAMLIN, adjourned, the body having previously fixed the time to Monday.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. BROOKS, of New-York, presented a resolution of the American Society of Civil Engineers against committing the patronage and influence of the Government to any route for a canal between the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, until the route of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec has been fully surveyed.

PETITIONS.

Petitions were presented as follows:

By Mr. GARFIELD—Of citizens of Ohio, asking a donation of $20,000 of the allowance made by Congress for the education of the Deaf Mute of Illinois; in behalf of Wilberforce University, near Xenia, Ohio.

By Mr. O'NEILL—Of Philadelphia book-binders, for a repeal of the du

CANADA.

Inland Navigation of the Dominion—The Chain of Canals—The Scheme of Direct Water Communication with the Atlantic—Improvements Suggested.

From Our Own Correspondent.

TORONTO, Monday, March 7, 1870.

The agitation of the enlargement of the canals brings out opportunely just now the whole scheme of direct water communication with the Atlantic, via the St. Lawrence, and shows clearly that the best policy of the country is to supply as early as possible all the advantages that are requisite to make the transit of sea-going craft a matter of certainty. Long before railways were thought of in Canada, its inland navigation had been so much improved as to form a complete line of water communication between the upper lakes and the ocean.

THE ST. LAWRENCE CANALS.

The navigation of the St. Lawrence was so difficult and slow, in consequence of the many obstructions, that it became imperatively necessary to adopt some means of surmounting the obstacles that nature had placed in the way, and the result was a conference of Commissioners, which was held at Montreal in 1818. In the same year a company was organized to construct the Lachine Canal; in the following year the work was assumed by the Provincial Government, and completed in 1826. Altogether it has cost $2,250,000, and is only eight miles in length, but substantially built in every part. This was the first link in the chain, but although one of the greatest difficulties had been overcome—the Lachine Rapids—there was still much to be done to render that chain complete. Shortly after the war of 1812 the Imperial Government projected what is known as the Rideau Canal, which connects Ottawa with Kingston. The object of this work was to affect the safe transportation of troops from the lower Province, in time of war. This canal, however, was not commenced until 1826, and finished in 1832. It was one of the most preposterous schemes ever undertaken, and is now simply regarded as a monument of Imperial folly, for it never has, and never can be, of any importance, either for military or commercial purposes. It is 127 miles long, has forty-seven locks and cost the British Government $4,360,000. On account of its strictly military character, and being carried by a circuitous route to avoid contiguity with the United States boundary line, it could not be made available for the carrying trade of either the Ottawa or the St. Lawrence, and it is now only navigated by a steam-boat or an occasional scow. As a means of reaching Lake Ontario from Montreal it was, therefore, utterly useless, and the tedious process of dragging "Durham boats" up the rapids was a saving of time compared with going round by Ottawa.

The next link decided on was the Beauharnais Canal. It runs along the south side of the river for eleven miles, overcomes three rapids in the St. Lawrence, and was completed in 1845 at a cost of $1,580,000. To pass the Long Sault Rapids it became necessary to construct twelve miles of canal, extending from Cornwall, at the head of Lake St. Francis, to the head of the Long Sault, and it was completed in 1843 at a cost of $1,914,000. From the head of this canal to Prescott is a stretch of thirty-eight miles, and four rapids occur. These have been overcome by the Williamsburg Canals, a series of short cuts, in all about ten miles in length, constructed at a cost of $1,320,000. From Prescott westward the navigation is uninterrupted, and the chain of canal communication from Montreal is complete to that point. The total cost of these canals, including the deepening of Lake St. Peter below Montreal, was $8,650,000.

UNION OF LAKES ERIE AND ONTARIO.

The demands of the carrying trade of the lakes were only partially met by the construction of the St. Lawrence Canal, and it became necessary to unite Lakes Erie and Ontario, in order to afford an outlet from the West. The first project was mooted in 1798; twenty years later surveys were made, and again in 1823, but the work was not commenced until the Fall of 1824, and in 1829 the Welland Canal, a very temporary sort of an affair was opened, and it had to be reconstructed in twelve years afterward. The total cost of the work was $2,320,000, and the length of the canal is twenty-eight miles. Its projector was the late Hon. WM. HAMILTON MERRITT, a member of the Legislature, and for a time President of the Board of Works for the Province. To this able and indefatigable man Canada owed much. He lived to see the Welland Canal completed after years and years of difficulty, under which almost any one else would have sunk; and he also projected and carried out the Welland Railway, running between the same points on the two lakes as the canal. A more patriotic man never lived. He was constantly laboring for the public good, combining with others in furthering his country's interests, and ever seeking to cement more closely its friendly relations with the United States by means of increasing the commercial intercourse between the two countries. Canada never had so valuable an advocate, and his death was justly regarded as a public calamity. The Welland Canal forms the last, and by far the most important, link in the chain of Canadian inland navigation, being the grand outlet for the carrying trade of the upper lakes, and the channel of an immense business now being carried on between the East and the West.

CANAL ENLARGEMENT.

The question of canal enlargement recently came before the Federal Legislature, when the Minister of Public Works announced that it was not the intention of the Government to undertake the enlargements of the canals at present, although they would do all they could, when the public finances would admit of it, to improve the navigation. This is not an encouraging declaration, but one that will serve to strengthen the agitation now going on. It was thought the time had at length arrived when the Government would see it to be their imperative duty to carry out what has been so long and so earnestly demanded. By the act of confederation the Government are empowered, as soon as the public finances will admit, to enlarge the canals and otherwise improve the navigation; but it is evident enough that if the enlargement is to be contingent on the state of the finances it will never be effected. The Government are charged with squandering millions in the construction of the Intercolonial Railway, which might be more profitably expended on the canals. Of this there can scarcely be any doubt, but it should not be forgotten that the Confederation act makes the construction of this useless railway obligatory upon them, inasmuch as it was one of the conditions of the union, the design being to link the Provinces together with an iron band, no matter whether it should prove a paying concern or not. Had the twenty millions of dollars to be expended on the inter-colonial been applied to the improvement of inland navigation, an incalculable boon would have been conferred upon the country. There can be no doubt that the future prosperity of the Dominion mainly depends on opening up new avenues of trade, and improving the channels already opened to such an extent as to provide for a carrying trade that would soon be doubled and trebled. In addition to the large expenditure of $15,247,000 on canals, over two and a half millions have been expended on light-houses, harbors, piers, &c., still the necessities of trade demand further improvements, which cannot be long refused. At present only vessels with forty-four feet of beam can pass through from Lake Ontario to the ocean, and only vessels with twenty-six feet of beam can proceed to sea from the upper lakes. But this is not all; the Champlain route, which was intended to facilitate the passage of vessels between the St. Lawrence and the Hudson, and thus form a continuous route via the Welland Canal, is altogether inadequate. The St. Ours lock is upon the same scale as those of the larger canals, but the Chambly Canal will only admit vessels with twenty-three feet beam. The enlargement of this canal is not contemplated, for the reason that a detour of one hundred miles can be saved by starting from a point nearer Montreal. Another obstacle to the admission of larger vessels by the route to the Champlain Canal, in the State of New-York, which is not likely to be enlarged merely to suit the trade of Canada.

NAVIGATION OF THE ST. LAWRENCE.

The navigation of the St. Lawrence, from the ocean to Montreal, is probably as good as it ever will be, since the deepening of Lake St. Peter, which now admits of the passage of vessels drawing eighteen feet draught of water, and ere long two feet more will be added. From Montreal westward it will be necessary to enlarge the St. Lawrence canals to a capacity large enough to pass large sea-going vessels, and at the same time the Welland Canal will have to be enlarged to an equal size. Were this done, in a mixed case vessels leaving Chicago or any other of the Western ports, would go through to the Atlantic and vice versa, without breaking bulk, for there seems to be little doubt that the enlargement of the Canadian canals would make the construction of a canal to obviate the difficulties of navigating the St. Clair Flats. With the view of securing the trade of the upper lakes, Ottawa and Toronto have projected ship canals, one to connect the Ottawa with Lake Huron, and the other the Georgian Bay with Lake Ontario at Toronto. These projects have been a long time before the public, and have made but little progress. The promoters of the last mentioned scheme have asked the Legislature for a grant of ten million acres of land, but the proposition has not been listened to, nor is it likely to be entertained. All projects of the kind should be held in abeyance until arrangements are made for the improvement of the present canals. The Government of Canada have done but little to improve the navigation of the waters connecting the upper lakes. Having built the Welland Canal, they appear to have considered that enough, and depended on the United States to do the rest. The deepening of Mud Lake in the route to Lake Superior has been done entirely by the United States Government, and at Sault Sainte Marie the ship canal is an American enterprise. Of course a canal will ultimately have to be constructed on the north or British side of the river, as the future development of the Lake Superior mining district will demand it. The American trade with the mines of Lake Superior will soon be sufficient to engage the present canal most of the time. The Canadian Government, however, should be the improvement of the inland navigation so far as to admit of a regular carrying trade between the most remote western ports and all other ports of the world. That such a policy will be adopted is certain, but it may not be acted on for some years. The vast trade which finds its way down the Welland Canal is indicative of the immense business that must by and by be provided for by the enlargement of that channel, and as nothing is more certain than it will soon be attempted to establish direct trade with Europe, the enlargement of the St. Lawrence Canals can simply be a question of time. The sooner it is undertaken the better.

CURRENT NOTES.

The State of Kansas is to place a portrait of JOHN BROWN in its Capitol.

One county in Georgia has not a single physician. They are all married men.

Only one town in Maine celebrated the semi-centennial anniversary of that State.

A Boston evening paper chronicles the arrest of "a notorious female confidence woman."

A public school was dismissed in Elkhorn, Wis., one day last week that the children might attend a murder trial.

Whether Boston shall be annexed to Charlestown is to be decided by the votes of the people of the two cities.

Hon. W. F. DE SAUSSURE, of South Carolina, died in Columbia on the 12th inst. He was for many years a member of the Legislature, and also served in Congress.

The election in the Third District of Kentucky for a successor of Mr. GOLLADAY in Congress, is to be held on the 26th of April, by proclamation of Gov. STEVENSON.

"Consistency, thou art a jewel," and "Though lost to sight, to memory dear," are two familiar quotations whose originators no one has yet been able to discover.

A member of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs has expressed the opinion that the Indian is bound to have bread or scalps, but apparently prefers the scalps.

Boston papers are incorrectly reporting that three young Chinamen are about to enter Harvard University. Howard University is the institution to which their footsteps tend.

The only icy side-walk in Court-street, Boston, which was sprinkled with ashes on Thursday morning was in front of an undertaker's office. Passers-by stood up and called the undertaker blessed.

The Taunton (Mass.) *Gazette* learns that all manufacturing establishments situated along the Blackstone River have concluded to reduce the wages of their employes ten per cent. on the 1st of April.

The Shakers at Alfred, Me., are negotiating the sale of their real estate there to Portland parties for $100,000, and have sent two of their number to the Shenandoah to examine the country, authorizing them to erect buildings there for the society, if they think it advisable.

The Columbus (O.) *State Journal* complains of the hideous stoves in the street cars of that city, and demands their removal on the ground that passengers are constantly in danger of being thrown against them, and that the constant opening and closing of the car doors cause hot and cold blasts of wind to strike them.

The Concord (N. H.) *Patriot* continues its war upon the leading Democrats in that State who sought to sell out the party previous to the late election, and asserts that they are still secretly at work in the same line, designing to form a new party, of which they shall be leaders.

The Albany *Argus* relates that when a certain railroad was first opened a rural member came down to the depot, closely examined every thing, and, after inquiring how much they charged to go to the next station and return, said: "Well, I guess I'll come down to-morrow and ride a bit on your road, but it I don't come on time you needn't wait."

A Bloomington boy who found the dead body of his brother, his fellow-soldier, on the battle-field of Gettysburg, and buried it in a grave dug with his own hands, was surprised a few days ago by the sudden reappearance of that brother, alive and well, at their home. Dead men tell no tales, and so he is bound to believe his brother when he assures him he must have buried some other boy's brother.

FLORA MILLS, the female burglar, whom Gov. PALMER, of Illinois, has just pardoned, is 17 years old, and was for a number of years a captive among the Indians. She was taken from her captors, with a number of others, two years ago, and left homeless, friendless and penniless at Council Bluffs, Iowa. She led an abandoned life until arrested for burglary and sentenced to prison. She is to be sent to the Home of the Friendless, in Cincinnati.

The German Political Reform Association of New-Orleans has published a card, explaining that its object is to effect a reform in the municipal and State Governments, and that it hopes to effect this by striking the words "Democrat" or "Republican" from the list of qualifications for local or State offices, as meaningless and insignificant, and recognizing no claims or qualifications to office but such as are based upon personal merit, honesty and worth.

Western Knights of Pythias were astonished by a telegraphic report that the Supreme Lodge, at its session in this City, decided that married persons should not be admitted to the Order, except in special cases of peculiar merit. Indeed, members in divorce-loving Chicago could not conceive of "cases of peculiar merit" being possible. Their relief may be imagined when they learned that the telegram should have read "married persons."

Ex-Congressman WHITEMORE, reached Sumter, S. C., on the 12th instant, but no demonstration of any kind was made. The County Commissioners refused to let him speak in the Court-house, and he repaired to a freedmen's school-house, where he addressed about 100 persons, mostly all colored men, saying he "was not ashamed of what he had done, but regretted it;" and that he also "regretted that he had had no opportunity to defend himself in Congress, but was assured of the support of his people, although he had received various insults." He asked to be sent back for the unexpired term, and was answered by cries of "Yes, yes, yes!" from his audience.

POLITICS AND THE POLICE.

The Coming Reign of Rowdyism in This City.

What the New Bill Proposes—Sketch of the Old Metropolitan Force—The Probable Changes—Who are to Be Turned Out and Who Retained.

It is generally conceded that the Creamer Police bill will be pushed through both branches of the Legislature at lightning speed, and as it annihilates the Metropolitan Police, which has been the pride and safeguard of our City for thirteen years, a short sketch of the admirable system that has been doomed by the Democratic greed for spoils will be of interest to all classes of our citizens.

ORIGIN OF THE OLD POLICE LAW.

The law creating the Metropolitan Police District, which embraced the Cities of New-York and Brooklyn, with portions of contiguous counties, had its origin in the frightful inefficiency as policemen of the political stipendiaries of FERNANDO WOOD, at that time Mayor of New-York, and was passed in the Spring of 1857 and went into operation on the 23d of April. The original Commissioners were James Bowne, James W. Nye, Simeon Draper, Jacob Cholwell, James S. T. Stranahan and, ex-officio, Fernando Wood and Mr. Powell as Mayors of New-York and Brooklyn. The resistance of WOOD to the law, and the riot that accompanied the inauguration of the new system because of his attempt to nullify the law, are fresh in the public memory and do not require to be now detailed.

THE TRIUMPH OVER FERNANDO WOOD.

After a bitter but brief contest the Commissioners triumphed, and not only obtained possession of all the Station-houses and property of the Municipal Police, but secured the adhesion of all the members of the old force whose services were worth having. On the 27th of May, 1857, FREDERICK A. TALLMADGE was appointed General Superintendent, and the force continued under his charge until April 22, 1859, when, by his resignation, Inspector DANIEL CARPENTER (now deceased) became acting Superintendent, and remained such until the appointment of AMOS PILSBURY, on July 2, 1859, but the latter remained in office only until Feb. 1, 1860, when he resigned.

THE REORGANIZATION OF 1860.

Meantime the Police force for a number of reasons had been rapidly deteriorating, and the Republican Legislature of 1860 seeing the condition and condition saw the necessity of at once instituting radical reforms. Accordingly the Legislature of 1860 passed a law abolishing the old Board and appointing a new Commission, consisting of JAMES BOWNE, JOHN G. BERGEN and AMOS PILSBURY, the latter however, remaining in office Board only a few days, when he was succeeded by THOMAS C. ACTON. Under these Commissioners the Police was thoroughly reorganized, and its condition as to discipline and efficiency rapidly improved. On the 1st of June, 1860, JOHN A. KENNEDY was appointed Superintendent of the force, and he remains in that position. But the Board of Commissioners has in the meantime undergone many changes, which is will now be interesting to review. The first of these was the absence of Gen. BOWNE, who left for active service in the rebellion in 1861, and on the 1st of January, 1862, he was succeeded by the member of the Police Board to Gov. SEYMOUR.

GOV. SEYMOUR'S ATTEMPT TO CONTROL.

That official then endeavored to serve his party by removing the Commissioners and appointing men of his own; but Messrs. ACTON and BERGEN refused to recognize his power to remove, and remained in sole charge of the Police Department during the whole of that terrible year when the efficiency of the Police under their management was so grandly proved in the great riots of July. During the lessening war fever, however, political complications made a reorganization of the Board possible, and the Legislature passed a law appointing THOMAS C. ACTON, JOSEPH G. BOSWORTH, JOHN G. BERGEN, and WILLIAM MCMURRAY Commissioners for periods fixed in the law.

A POLITICAL COMPROMISE.

This arrangement was the result of a compromise between the two parties. Messrs. ACTON and BERGEN being Republicans, and MCMURRAY and BOSWORTH Democrats, and it was understood then claimed that this equalization of the parties should be always maintained in the Board. But when the term of Mr. MCMURRAY expired in 1866, the Legislature elected HIRAM MARINER, the last surviving member of the Board of three Republicans to one Democrat, in which condition it remained until MATTHEW T. BRENNAN was appointed by the Governor and Senate to take office on the 1st day of March, 1869, as the successor of Mr. MARINER, who had died on the 16th of July, 1867. The political balance of the Board was thus re-established, and has since remained undisturbed, the only changes since being the resignation of Mr. ACTON on the 26th of April, 1869, and the appointment on the same day by the Governor and Senate of Mr. HENRY SMITH, a Republican, as his successor. Beyond all these changes only, in the Senate of the Board since the reorganization in 1860, have been Gen. BOWNE, Mr. ACTON and Judge BOSWORTH, who now occupies the position which he has held since the reorganization after the appointment of Mr. SMITH as a Commissioner; but the place was longer held by Mr. MORRIS than it may be after the present and he made is one of great power and responsibility, as by the peculiar conjunction of affairs during most of his incumbency he was rarely compelled to consult any will but his own. To him and to Gen. BOWNE, who created the department out of chaos, and kindred spirits, are we indebted that the City chiefly owes the fact that we had during the war a Police true to the Union and so thoroughly disciplined that the streets of New-York were generally safe and quiet.

TENURE OF OFFICE OF SUBORDINATES.

The changes in the subordinates of the force have been fewer than among the Commissioners. As we have stated, Mr. KENNEDY has been Superintendent continuously since 1860. Mr. PETER C. HANLEY, appointed by President GRANT, on the 1st of July, Collector of Internal Revenue of the Eight District, has been Chief Clerk since the Summer of the same year. Throughout the force good behavior has regulated the tenure of office, and the Inspectors and Captains remaining unchanged, except by deaths and promotions, and the former have been few, and there are now Captains of Police who have held that position since the organization of the Metropolitan Department, as well as for many previous years under the Municipal system. As a consequence of this rule, the force has always been beyond the machinations of the mere politicians, and an extent that has reached a higher standard than would have been possible had the Board been at liberty to turn out and out in members, as political considerations might demand.

THE NEW LAW

is founded upon an idea the very reverse of this. It gives the five Commissioners, to be appointed by the Mayor and Aldermen, power to remove any and every member of the Police force without any cause whatever, except their pleasure. The Captains and Lieutenants would of course generally removed where politically obnoxious to the new regime, and among the victims will be Garland, of the First Precinct; De Camp, Second; Warlow, Seventh; Washburne, Ninth; Davis, Tenth; Dickson, Eleventh; Scott, Twelfth; Bennett, Fourteenth; Wilkinson, Sixteenth; Hoolihan, Nineteenth; Caffrey, Twentieth; Greer, Twenty-first; Ward, Twenty-second; Harts, Twenty-third; Todd, Twenty-fourth; Mills, Twenty-fifth; Speight, Twenty-seventh; Burden, Twenty-ninth; Heine, Thirty-third; and Wilson, Thirty-second. The Detectives would be turned adrift, among whom will be retained are Ulman, Third Precinct; Jourdan, Sixth; McDermott, Eighth; Walsh, Fourteenth; Mount, Seventeenth; McDonnell, Twenty-eighth. In addition to these there are a number of Captains who are supposed to be Republicans, but never having been tried in parades and being excellent officers, it is generally conceded that they will not be disturbed. Among these are Allaire, Fourth Precinct; Hedden, Fifteenth; Cameron, Eighteenth; Thorne, Twenty-sixth, and probably one or two others. Among the Sergeants, Jed will be Fire Marshal BRACKETT, notwithstanding the exertions he is making to keep in, but his successor has not yet been designated. It will probably be one of the present members of Assembly.

PUNISHMENT FOR EXECUTING THE LAW.

The changes among the sergeants and patrol will be proportionately fewer than among the Captains, but every one of them who has ever made himself obnoxious by any Democratic mob by enforcing the law against him may be sure that his day of wrath has come. Especially will this be the case with those who assisted in enforcing the Excise law. Those also who fully did their duty in executing the ordinances of the Board of Health, relative to slaughter-houses and kindred matters, are not as those who have been active in enforcing the law for the prevention of cruelty to animals, are reasonably sure of dismissal, for every time they performed their duty in those respects a Democrat was hurt.

The certain is about to fall upon a part of thirteen years of unexampled order and discipline which the Republican Party is so justly credited. What is likely to result from the new regime can be gathered from a consideration of the new law coupled with a knowledge of the personnel of the rising dynasty to be obtained from the following statement:

WHO ARE TO BE THE NEW MEN?

This question is now being universally agitated in political circles, in the neighborhood of the City Hall. A number of names are presented by the adherents of the aspiring one who will serve wire in the complex machinery of the Democratic organization is in consent motion to secure a favorable consideration of the claims of the various local organizations and cliques. The people are in a position to know and view the inside of the question, wisely wag their heads and keep their secrets to themselves, despite the continued pressure brought upon them to disclose their information. Now that the Senate, the necessary concession changes in the Board has had the [illegible] diminishing public interest, and the matter has become an absorbing one with those who have any designs or hopes of obtaining

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the new Commissioners, "with the consent and advice of the Senate" [illegible] Mayor shall have the power of nominating and appointing the new Commissioners, "with the consent and advice of the Senate" [illegible] Democratic Party that the appointments already made in other hands than those of the worthy Mayor, and have Aldermen. In short, it is understood in well-informed circles that the five State Senators from this City have hesitated upon making the appointments for the reason, so the point of their chiefs to secure the Senate, or at the [illegible]

THE NEW COMMISSIONERS.

This surmount [illegible] Commissioners to which [illegible] have [illegible] made their appointments, as follows:

For Senator TWEED—JAMES HAYES.
For Senator GREEN—SHERIFF KNAPP, Jr.
For Senator [illegible]—JOHN MITCHELL.
For Senator ORMANDY—CHARLES G. CORNELL.
For Senator HAGLEY—JAMES McSWEENEY.

[illegible] Tammany Hall will be satisfied with the Mayor shows [illegible] he as desire at present, but chances may be made, owing to certain complications in the two Rings now quarreling over the spoils of patronage. At those conditions will have considerable power in the hands [illegible] many days, a brief sketch of them will be interesting.

JAMES HAYES

is of obscure parentage and his early days were passed in humble life. Since he rose in the political world he has gained the reputation of a man who forgets his early friends. He was a member of the Common Council for three or four years from the Fourteenth Ward, and as a warm adherent of Ex-Sheriff JOHN KELLY became a leader in the Tammany Hall Democracy. He is a City Inspector's office. He was in active service in the City of Volunteer Fire Department, and at one time held the position of foreman in Engine Company No. 9. After leaving the Common Council he entered the Surrogate's office as clerk, and retained the position for years. He then became a member of the Board of Supervisors, which position he still retains. When Sheriff KELLY left the Fourteenth Ward Mr. HAYES became a member of the Tammany General Committee, and is still in that important body.

SHERIFF KNAPP is well-known as the son of Sherman Knapp, the late Sheriff and President. He is a very popular man, and enjoys an excellent reputation as a citizen. He is a broker, having an office at No. 64 Broadway, and resides in the Twelfth Ward. He never occupied any political office. He was a member of the firm of BROWN, DEVON & KNAPP, Street Contractors. He is a sporting man, and owns a fine stud of fast horses.

PETER MITCHELL was born in Scotland, and is thirty-one years of age. He was educated in Berwick, Me., and Salmon Falls, N. H., and came to this City eight or ten years ago. He was formerly a liquor-dealer in the Eighth Ward, but now is a member of the Bar. He was admitted to the New-York Bar in December last, and formerly held a sinecure position in one of the criminal Courts. He is very fond of dress. He has been twice in the Assembly, and is a warm adherent of Senator NORTON'S. He made himself conspicuous in pushing forward the bill breaking up the old Special Sessions, in revenge upon Judge Dowling, who impressed a fellow-lower. He is a member of the Tammany General Committee.

CHARLES G. CORNELL was once a butcher, and is now an extensive cattle-dealer. He was in the Common Council for many years, and at one time held the position of President of that Board. He served two terms as State Senator, and lost a renomination last Fall through the efforts of his successor, Mr. CREAMER, who now tenders him the appointment of Police Commissioner as a salve. He was once Sheriff of New-York, and resigned the office in consequence of certain charges of misappropriation of money, which called for investigation. He is a resident of the Seventeenth Ward and an active local politician. He is a member of the Tammany General Committee, where a fierce struggle occurred between him and Senator CREAMER, the latter proving victorious.

JAMES M. SWEENEY was born in the Sixth Ward, and is thirty-six years of age. He is a brother of the present City Chamberlain, PETER B. SWEENEY. He is a lawyer by profession, but seldom practices. He was a Clerk of the Common Council for three or five years, and next became a Clerk to the Superior Court, where he yet remains. He is a well-known politician in the Twentieth Ward, and, like all the others, a member of the Tammany General Committee, and very popular in the party. For

THE POSITION OF POLICE SUPERINTENDENT

there is already a host of candidates. Among them naturally occurs the name of Capt. JOHN JOURDAN, now commanding the Sixth Precinct. Being the oldest Democratic Captain on the force, and an excellent officer, his numerous friends urgently demand his appointment to the position of Superintendent. That he would make an excellent Chief of Police there can be no doubt, for few men are so well versed in the duties of a Police officer. He has reduced Police discipline to a science, and his Precinct is a model one. Naturally fond of Police business, Capt. JOURDAN has achieved a splendid reputation as a detective, and is well known throughout the country for his numerous and successful arrests. If he wants the position to be vacated by Mr. KENNEDY, he no doubt will be successful, and the Department will gain a good Chief.

Among the candidates named is Marshal TOOKER, of the Mayor's office, who has been threatened to be a stalking and earnest applicant for the position ever since the proposed change became possible in the Democratic mind. He has, however, been placed on the retired list, and will not enter the contest.

Captain FLYNN was also announced, recently, as a candidate; but he has contradicted the report, being on the lookout for higher game.

Inspector JAMESON, having found the position of Inspector so much easier than that of Captain, is now looking for promotion to the Superintendent's chair, as he is a Democrat, and no doubt believes that the duties of the Chief can be easily performed. He will prove unsuccessful, however, and may consider himself lucky if he retains his present position.

A NICE GAME SPOILED.

This new Police bill making the Commissioners the appointees of the Mayor and Common Council has knocked down a very nice castle of cards, which had been built up during the past three or four weeks. Believing that the positions would be made elective, a project was formed to elect Mr. CONNOLLY, ex-President of the Board of Aldermen, President; Ex-Senator FLYNN, Aldermen LAWRENCE O'BRIEN, Aldermen ANTHONY MILLER, and one or two others of that ilk, to secure the nominations, with a desperate intention to work out their election. While canvassing their chances the Aldermen set for office, have taken up the game of "draw poker" in one of the public offices and consumed a considerable quantity of champagne and City Government gas in their mistaken calculations. If rumor be correct some of the participants have found the game's costly one, and large sums of money have already changed hands.

THE JACKSON HOMICIDE.

Motion to Quash the Second Indictment for Murder—Arguments of the District Attorney and of John Graham, pro and con.—Judge Bedford Reserves His Decision.

In the Court of General Sessions yesterday, Hon. GUENING S. BEDFORD, Jr., City Judge, heard argument on the question of quashing the indictment against THOMAS JACKSON, formerly an officer of that Court, for the homicide of ARCHIBALD DOUGLASS. The killing, it will be remembered, took place last Fall in a First Ward liquor saloon, where, it is alleged, DOUGLASS was shot with a pistol by JACKSON, while the deceased was in the act of leaving the premises. In November, 1869, an indictment for manslaughter was found against JACKSON, and was quashed on motion of District Attorney GARVIN, by Recorder HACKETT, and the case was then sent before the Grand Jury for the December Term, who found an indictment for murder in the first degree. JACKSON'S counsel now move to have the latter indictment annulled, and the former one revived, on which they ask that the accused may stand his trial. The legal points involved in this motion were argued at length.

In moving, Mr. WM. F. KUPPLING, of counsel for the prisoner, presented the following as his motion papers:

NOTICE OF MOTION.

NEW-YORK GENERAL SESSIONS.—The People of the State of New-York vs. THOMAS JACKSON.—Take notice that upon an affidavit, of which the annexed is a copy, the Counsel to the prisoner, the proceedings, all papers, minutes and proceedings of every description whatsoever, in relation to the subject-matter of this motion, in the possession, whether that in the office of the Clerk of this Court, or in the office of the District Attorney of this county, a motion will be made by the Counsel to be held in the Criminal Court Building, in the City Hall Park, near the corner of Chambers and Center streets, on the 9th day of May, 1870, at the opening of the Court at the opening of the same day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, that the indictment found against the defendant by the Grand Jury, December 14th, 1869, be quashed, vacated, or set aside, and the said indictment be quashed, vacated, or set aside, on the said day of March, 1870, be reinstatement as the proper and only indictment against the defendant, and that the said Court, in the exercise of its discretion, be vacated discharged, or set aside, and for such further or other order or relief as to the Court may seem meet, upon the following grounds, it will be claimed upon the argument of the motion: 1. That the second indictment of the Grand Jury was an usurpation of public jurisdiction. That it was found upon the action of the Second Grand Jury. 2. That it was a transgression of the Grand Jury's rights under the law of the first Grand Jury, and a wrongful change of facts before the second Grand Jury, and that their action was in effect vetoing out of existence arbitrarily the action of the first Grand Jury. 3. That the second indictment was unjust, oppressive, vexatious and [illegible] the People of the State of New-York vs. Thomas Jackson—City and County of New-York, ss.—WILLIAM F. KUPPLING, of said City, being duly sworn, says that he is one of the counsel for the defendant, in the case of the People of the State of New-York against the said defendant, on an indictment for the crime of murder, found by the Grand Jury of the City and County of New-York, on Nov. 15, 1869, for the alleged killing of one Archibald Douglass, on the night of Nov. 13, 1869, at the City of New-York, in the said County, and that the said indictment was transferred to the Court of Oyer and Terminer, and was duly tried by the said Court, and the said defendant was found guilty of the crime of manslaughter in the second degree, and was duly sentenced by the said Court, on the 20th day of Nov., 1869, which said sentence of imprisonment in the State prison for the term of five years was duly executed, and the said defendant was duly discharged from the said prison on the 20th day of Nov., 1869, and that the said defendant was duly rearrested on the said charge of murder, and was duly tried and convicted of the said crime of manslaughter in the second degree, and was duly sentenced to the said term of imprisonment, and

THIRD REPORT LIBEL.

Justice DOWLING held an examination yesterday in the case of JAMES L. SMITH and others, on the charge of libeling the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Mr. BUNCH was cross-examined, and stated that he only knew the defendants as editors of the Courier by hearsay, which common report for a definition of the complaint was not admissible. [illegible]

Mr. COXE was next examined, and stated that he had no feeling of hostility toward Mr. BUNCH; never knew his name (but [illegible] in the newspaper business twenty-five years) and was unaware that the complainant [illegible] libel, but had not written it, and knew nothing of it until it appeared in the paper.

Justice DOWLING—Are you willing to appear as a witness?

Mr. COXE—Yes, Sir; and I'll write a panegyric on Mr. BUNCH's character. [illegible]

Mr. BUNCH—I want no panegyric, though I have no objection to a proper apology.

Mr. COXE—We are willing to do anything that will restore the complainant's good humor, as we have no animosity against him.

Mr. BUNCH then addressed the Court, and said that ever since he had entered upon the crusade against cruelty, he had met with [illegible] opposition, sometimes from [illegible] He expected that, and endured it patiently. But in the present instance the defendants in their journal had forgotten their high [illegible] and indulged in [illegible] libel. He had been of a bellicose nature he might have taken the law into his own hands, but he was a peaceable man. His first duty was to protect himself. In the course of [illegible] of his physical proportions had been ridiculed. He was blamed for being tall, and he was blamed for being thin. He had also been called fat and flabby. He was sensitive himself as handsome as his Honor. It was not the wrong done to himself that he felt so much; it was the injury inflicted upon the cause he had so earnestly advocated. He stated that the article was a libel, because it was untrue in its statements. It stated that he lived in a Bleecker-street house, when he did [illegible] the Hub. House adjoined, [illegible] at some length in support of his complaint, and urged that the identity of the accused had been fully established, according to law.

After the examination of Mr. COXE, the counsel for the defence read extracts from the journal in which Mr. BUNCH had been assailed for [illegible] bother about a harmless bit of satire. He also read portions of Mr. BUNCH's letter to show that he had severely criticized Justice DOWLING for his adverse decisions in cases where the Society were complainants, and was informed that it was certainly not his intention to libel or injure the complainant in any way.

Mr. BUNCH, in his closing remarks, said that eminent members of the Bar had informed him that the article was an aggravated case of libel, and he considered he had a right to demand the enforcement of law. He was willing, however, to accept of any proper apology that might be tendered.

The Magistrate accordingly decided to defer his decision for some days, and it was understood that the defendants intended [illegible] the charge of libel by an explanation in their paper.

COUNTERFEIT REVENUE STAMPS.

The Forward Examination—Alleged Black-Mail Conspiracy Against the Accused.

Commissioner SHIELDS' examination in the case of BERONA HOWARD, charged with having dealt in counterfeit one cent revenue stamps, elicited considerable evidence on both sides, yesterday. The accused was defended by Mr. EMMET BLANCHARD, Judge BUCHANAN and Mr. GEORGE BLANCHARD. It was claimed for him that the accusation against him was wholly false, and that it was the result of a conspiracy which was made for the purpose of extorting money from him. He was represented to be an honorable and upright business man, and to have borne a good and unblemished character for over thirty years. On opening the examination, Assistant District-Attorney PURDY called GEORGE WOLLEON, of Smithville, Staten Island, who testified that Howard visited him several times about the plate, and said he would give $25 or even $50 for it, although he said he knew nothing about it, and he believed there was a conspiracy against him with regard to it. JOHN STORRS, of Fellersville, Staten Island, subsequently deposed to having found the counterfeit plate in his house. He had [illegible] a charge of passing stamps in Brooklyn. During the cross-examination of the witness, the prosecuting officer said he conceded the fact that STORRS wanted to sell the plate to Howard, and he so informed Government. Mr. SAMUEL MCCOMBS, a witness for the defence, testified that Howard had told him that he was not afraid of showing his face in any place, and that any intention of running away, and that when the remark was communicated to STORRS, the latter said that he would be afraid for anybody make him run away.

Mrs. JANE BUTLER and CLARENCE W. MARCY were examined, after which the case was adjourned until Thursday next.

THE HILL DEFALCATION.

Evidence Taken Before Commissioner Shields Yesterday—A Model Bank and a Model Cashier.

Monroe S. Hills's alleged embezzlement of about $90,000 from the funds of the Farmers' and Drovers' National Bank of Sparta, Westchester County, while holding the position of Cashier, was the subject of further hearing before Commissioner SHIELDS, yesterday. The examination was conducted by Assistant District-Attorney Stanton for the Government, and by Mr. [illegible] on behalf of the accused. The witnesses were examined in relation to the way in which affairs were conducted at the bank. The Vice-President, WILLIAM MARSHALL, testified that after Hills went away in October, 1869, the money in the bank was counted and found to be about $17,000, but no memorandum was made by anyone of the amount. The money was in charge of Hills accidentally found in a drawer, among some old papers, $6,000 in bonds, which had been deposited by customers of the bank for safe keeping. Mr. MARSHALL's pass-book was produced and entries were specified, showing deposits amounting to over $800, which had never been credited to him. On the letters which he had shown in which Hills had credited MARSHALL with over $1,000 which it did not appear from the pass-book he had ever deposited. The witness testified that Hills was a model cashier, and that he had quietly [illegible] a charge of embezzlement against him. He was represented to be an honorable and upright business man, and to have borne a good and unblemished character for over thirty years. On opening the examination, Assistant District-Attorney PURDY called GEORGE WOLLEON, of Smithville, Staten Island, who testified that Howard visited him several times about the plate, and said he would give $25 or even $50 for it, although he said he knew nothing about it, and he believed there was a conspiracy against him with regard to it. JOHN STORRS, of Fellersville, Staten Island, subsequently deposed to having found the counterfeit plate in his house. He had [illegible] a charge of passing stamps in Brooklyn. During the cross-examination of the witness, the prosecuting officer said he conceded the fact that STORRS wanted to sell the plate to Howard, and he so informed Government. Mr. SAMUEL MCCOMBS, a witness for the defence, testified that Howard had told him that he was not afraid of showing his face in any place, and that any intention of running away, and that when the remark was communicated to STORRS, the latter said that he would be afraid for anybody to make him run away.

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FRIDAY, March 18—P. M.

The Foreign Exchanges left [illegible] this morning in the improvement in the Cotton market with the liberal exports of the staple from the Southern ports. A leading Banking firm, largely interested in the Southern Exchanges, reduced their rates on London to 108⅞, 60 days, and 109⅛@109⅜ ₱ cent short sight, and the Foreign Bill brokers reported before the close of Bank hours that the best bills in the market could be had at 108 ₱ cent. net, or 109⅛ less a sixteenth of one ₱ cent. brokerage. On Paris the rates are 5.35@5.33 to the dollar. The Gold market notwithstanding the decline in Exchange, manifested some firmness early in the day at 112⅝@112⅞@112⅝@112⅞ ₱ cent., the last figure being quoted from the Gold Room at about 4 o'clock. The Public Funds were ⅛@¼ ₱ cent. weaker than yesterday, and the May and November 6 ₱ cent. 5-20s, considering the accumulation of 4 months' Gold interest, were sold almost as low as the 5 ₱ cent. 10-40s, which paid their interest on the 1st of March last. The 5-20 Coupons of 1862 sold down to 109⅞ ₱ cent. and the 1864s at 109 ₱ cent., which would net only 109⅛@109⅜ ₱ cent., exclusive of accrued interest. At the same time the 10-40 five ₱ cents sold at 109⅞ ₱ cent. On these terms the Secretary of the Treasury will soon be able to place a new 10-40 years 5 ₱ cent. Stock, dollar for dollar, for the 5-20s of 1862, and lay now within the control of the Government. All the large dealers appear to be bearish in their views in regard to 5-20s. Some of them report from five to ten millions of the 5-20s of various dates, coupon and registered, on the market, but we hold this to be very wide guess-work, and if the Secretary of the Treasury should elect next week to increase his purchases for the Sinking Fund, the chances are that a different story would soon be told as to the actual supply of Bonds awaiting a market. The difference between Gold and United States 5-20s is now, (exclusive of accumulated interest on the Bonds,) about 6 ₱ cent. in favor of selling Treasury Gold and buying 5-20s for the Sinking Fund. This difference is greater than at the close of February by 2@3 ₱ cent. Within the same time the 5 ₱ cent. 10-40 years Stock of the United States has been brought within less than one ₱ cent. of 5-20s.

In regard to the Funding bill, the reports from Washington strengthen our impression that neither the Greenback circulation nor the National Banking system will be finally disturbed by this measure. It it should pass Congress at all, it will be in a shape to meet the Executive approval, and that could not be under any provision to contract the Greenbacks, or to treat with harshness or injustice the National Banks. The President is understood to favor simply a refunding Bill, by which new Stocks, bearing from five down to four ₱ cent. interest, shall be gradually substituted, as the market affords the opportunity, for the 5-20 six ₱ cent. Stocks, and for no other object. This understanding of the views of the President is, we believe, no doubt reliable; at all events it is reasonably certain that the Administration will not go to the country, next Fall, in the Congressional election, upon the contraction of the Greenback Circulation, or upon any issue with the National Banks. If the Banks should be required to replace the old Stocks for the new as the basis of their Circulation, it will be upon the fair equivalent of a repeal or an exemption of the proposed taxes upon their Circulation, and perhaps of their Deposits also; the two amounting at present to the difference between the 6 ₱ cent. old and proposed new 4½ ₱ cent. Stocks to be lodged with the United States Treasurer.

The Railway Market was generally lower than yesterday, the Vanderbilt New-York Roads following the weakness in the Northwest and other Western Roads. The decline, in some instances, amounted to 1@1½ ₱ cent. The most marked depression is in the Northwest Preferred Shares, which sold below 83 ₱ cent. The Southern State Bonds are higher for Virginia and steady for Tennessee. At the close of business the following quotations were made as compared with Thursday night:

CLOSING QUOTATIONS, MARCH 18.

	Thursday.	Friday.
United States 10-40s	109⅞	109⅞
United States 5-20s of 1862	110⅛	109⅞
United States 5-20s of 1865	109⅞	109⅞
United States 5-20s of 1867	109⅞	109⅞
American Gold Coin	112⅞	112⅞
Bills on London, 60 days	108⅞	108
New Bonds of Tennessee	49⅞	49⅞
N. Y. Central and Hudson	97⅞	98⅞
N. Y. C. & H. Debt Certificates	94⅞	94⅞
Reading Railroad	98⅞	98⅞
Chicago and Rock Island	118⅞	118⅞
North-western Common	70⅞	71
North-western Preferred	83⅞	83⅞
Pacific Mail Company	33⅞	33⅞
St. Paul Preferred	72⅞	72⅞
St. Paul Common	58⅞	58⅞
Lake Shore	86⅞	86⅞
Erie	36⅞	36⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	34⅞	35⅞
New-Jersey Central	100⅞	102⅞

UNITED STATES TREASURY, NEW-YORK, March 17.

General balance yesterday [illegible]

Gold receipts	$20,605.49
Gold payments	119,404.70
Gold balance	[illegible]
Currency receipts	585,975.90
Currency payments	924,690.97
Currency balance	[illegible]
General balance	81,926,554.05
Customs	847,000.00

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States:

[illegible]

And the following for the State Bonds:

[illegible]

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange, March 18, 1870.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

[illegible]

SECOND BOARD—1½ P. M.

[illegible]

Total [illegible]

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COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

NEW-YORK, Friday, March 18, 1870.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been as follows:

Ashes, pkts	11	Hides, bales	[illegible]
Cotton, bales	1,201	Leather, sides	4,136
Copper, ctls, Metal, pigs	1,000	Oil, cases	1,000
Dried Fruit, pkgs	114	Oil, crude, bbls	111
Eggs, pkgs	1,000	Pig Iron, tons	1,000
Cloth, bales	9,000	Rosin, bbls	1,000
Cotton, bales	1,201	Spirits Turp., bbls	1,000
Coal, tons	2,000	Tobacco, pkgs	214
Wool, bales	11,000	Tallow, pkgs	1,000
Corn, bushels	1,000	Grain, pkgs	170
Oats, bushels	1,000	Flour, pkgs	1,000
Malt, bushels	1,000	Beef, pkgs	2,710
Beans, bushels	1,000	Tallow, pkgs	77
Flax, bales	1,000	Butter, pkgs	1,000
Flaxseed, bushels	1,000	Tobacco, hhds	1,000
Hemp, bales	1,000	Whisky, bbls	1,000
Hops, bales	1,000	Lard, pkgs	1,000

The export clearances since our last are reported at the Merchants' Exchange, Fine-street, have been as follows:

By the ship Hudson, for Liverpool—[illegible] bushels Wheat, 49 bls. Lard, 3 hhds. Tobacco, 1,500 bales Cotton.

By the steamer R. C. Lane, for Para—400 Pine Boards, 118 pkgs. Assd. 3,483 gallons Refined Petroleum, 60 bbls. Flour, 20 barrels Rosin, 10 cases Gin, 600 bbls. Pitch, 2,000 bbls. Tar, 1,000 bbls. Crude Petroleum, 1,000 bbls. Refined Petroleum, 1,000 bbls. Rosin, 1,000 bbls. Turpentine, 1,000 bbls. Spirits Turpentine, 1,000 bbls. Rosin

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14th-st. and Irving-place.
MATINEE at 1 o'clock—MARRIAGE OF FIGARO (English opera). Characters by Miss Pappenheim, Miss Harris, Mrs. Seguin, and Messrs. Kelly, Lewis and Campbell.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
Near Sixth-ave.
MISS MERRILIES. Leading characters by Mrs. Waller and Messrs. Hamilton, Wallack and Sullivan. MATINEE at 2 o'clock—HAMLET.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, near Broome-st.
LOST AT SEA. Leading characters by Mr. J. W. Wallack, Mr. Geo. Holland, Miss Gannon, Miss Rehearsal, &c.
MATINEE at 2½ o'clock.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, near Bleecker-st.
HAMLET. Leading characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, Geo. Holland, Wallack, Davenport, Sullivan, Chas. Harris, Mrs. Wright and Miss Gans.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.
Eighth-st., near Broadway.
TWELVE TEMPTATIONS. Leading characters by Mr. George C. Boniface, Miss Polly Peck and Miss Fonti.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

FIFTH-AVENUE THEATRE.
24th-st., near 5th-ave.
FROU FROU. Leading characters by Messrs. Geo. Clarke, Davidge, Lewis, and Miss Agnes Ethel, Miss Fanny Davenport, and Mrs. Gilbert.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

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MATINEE at 2 o'clock.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

A Paris dispatch says that the proposed amnesty was abandoned on account of diversity of opinion in the French Cabinet. The consulates of France at Philadelphia and Richmond are abolished, and the vice-consulate at Chicago raised to a full consulate....A Madrid dispatch says it is believed the proclamation of the dogma of infallibility will greatly injure the cause of the Church in Spain. The Spanish Government has decided not to send a representative to the Ecumenical Council. The French Bishops of Besançon and Nevers lead the opposition to the dogma of infallibility. The *Opinion Nationale* demands the withdrawal of the French troops from Rome, and other measures, which, it says, would leave in Rome imbecility and fraud....The loss of the ship *Ventus*, of Thomaston, Me., from Callao for Antwerp, is confirmed by a dispatch received in London.... There were no disturbances in Ireland on St. Patrick's Day....JOHN ISCHAM, of Halifax, England, has stopped payment, and other failures are spoken of.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate, yesterday, the Judiciary Committee reported a resolution declaring that Gen. AMES is not eligible to a seat in that body from Mississippi. The resolution will probably be considered on Monday. Several memorials were presented and bills introduced. Among the former was one from the Chiefs of Bureaus in the Navy Department regarding the inadequacy of their pay; and among the latter one authorizing mail steam-ship service between New-Orleans and certain ports in New-Mexico. Mr. FENTON presented a joint resolution regarding prompt action on the proposed Tehuantepec Ship Canal. The discussion on the Georgia bill was begun soon after the expiration of the morning hour, and continued up to adjournment. Several important amendments were introduced and speeches made by a number of Senators. At 5 o'clock the Senate adjourned to Monday.

In the House but little was accomplished. The Tariff bill was taken up early in the day, and Mr. STEVENSON, of Ohio, finished his speech, begun the day before, in favor of a reduction; and the greater portion of the remainder of the session was consumed by the consideration of District of Columbia business. Among the new business introduced was a petition asking that $50,000 of the allowance of Congress for the education of the freedmen be given to Wilberforce College, Xenia, Ohio. Bills extending certain patents were introduced from Committees and passed. The House adjourned at 4½. The session today will be for debate on the Tariff bill.

THE STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was introduced extending cases in which mandamus and prohibition may issue; to protect express stockholders by requiring the companies to make annual reports of their conditions; and to regulate the issue of stock certificates. The Brooklyn City Court Judges' Bill, the General State Appropriation bill, and the bill to reorganize the Police Department of New-York were passed. A resolution to amend the Constitution so as to bring the State under the operation of the Fifteenth Amendment, and to modify the regulations governing voting by naturalized citizens, was laid on the table under the rule. The Senate adjourned till Monday evening.

In the Assembly, the One Hundred and Twenty-fifth-street Railroad bill came up, and [illegible] Mr. Pelton, of New-York, made a speech that Mr. Armstrong, of Rensselaer, had spoken against the bill and voted for it. Mr. Armstrong rose at the time of the vote, was, it appears, very much agitated, denied that he had voted with the bill, Mr. Armstrong denied the statement, and made a counter charge against Mr. Pelton that that gentleman had endeavored to influence him (Armstrong) to vote for the bill, by using threats of killing his (Armstrong's) bills. After a protracted debate, a Committee was appointed to investigate the charges. The bill in question was passed, together with the bill to close Judges of the Courts of Appeals and Common Pleas in New-York City, and the Senate adjourned.

GENERAL.

THEODORE NICHOLS was hanged yesterday at Little Valley, N. Y., for the murder in December last, in Allegheny, N. Y., of Dr. ANDREW MEAD. He confessed his crime, and exhibited signs of repentance on the scaffold.

The bill appropriating the amount of one year's salary of an Associate Justice of the United States, for the use of the family of the late Hon. BRADLEY M. SHARRON, was signed by the President yesterday.

The conflict between the Mayors of Richmond, Va., continues. The backward terms of Mayor CARDOZO still hold out gallantly, although three or four have succumbed to the demands of the stomach. A negro who refused to "move on," under the orders of Mayor ELLYSON's Police, was killed.

Navigation on the Connecticut River is open, and steam boats to Hartford are to begin their regular trips.

The falcons on the Western Railroad, Connecticut, between Winsted and Salisbury, have struck for $1 75 a day, an advance of 15 cents.

The nomination of MICHAEL DELAHANTY to be a Police Commissioner at Albany was confirmed by the State Senate yesterday.

A dispatch received at the office of the Cunard line in this City yesterday announces the safety of the *Samaria*, which was signaled on the 12th inst. limping her way in a disabled condition for the Irish coast. No tidings have as yet been received of the *City of Boston*.

The Gold Exchange was unusually dull yesterday, only twenty-three changes being recorded from the opening to the closing of the Board. The price fluctuated from 111⅞ to 112¼, opened at 112⅛ and closed at 112¼.

Several cases of alleged swindling of emigrants by ticket agents in Havre and in Geneva, have been investigated by Mr. BERNARD CASSELLY, General Agent of the Commissioners of Emigration, and it is found that no redress can be obtained in this City.

Commissioner OSBORN yesterday discharged WILLIAM M. FLEMM, the wholesale liquor dealer, charged with having made false income returns to the Government.

The caisson for the foundation of the Brooklyn tower of the East River Bridge will be launched from the shipyard of WEBB & BELL, at Greenpoint, today, at 10½ A. M.

The Board of Aldermen yesterday adopted, over the Mayor's veto, the resolution to lay the Stadford pavement in Fifth-avenue, from Washington-square to Fifty-ninth-street.

Hon. GULIAN C. VERPLANCK died at his residence in Fourteenth-street, yesterday morning, in the eighty-fourth year of his age. The Board of Commissioners of Emigration, of which body he was President, held a special meeting last evening and took appropriate action with regard to his decease.

A motion was made and argued in the Court of General Sessions yesterday, before City Judge BEDFORD, to quash the indictment for murder in the first degree found against THOMAS JACKSON for the killing of ARCHIBALD DOUGLASS in a First Ward liquor saloon, in the Fall of 1869. The Judge reserved his decision.

The City of Boston.

The letter from Mr. JOHN G. DALE, the agent of the Inman line, which we print in another column, must be taken as a satisfactory answer to the statement that the *City of Boston* sailed from this port overladen. The information which we received on the subject came from a good source, but Mr. DALE is a much better authority, and his communication will help to allay the uneasiness of those who have relatives or friends on board the missing ship.

It is very natural, however, that at this moment the public should be considering with some interest several questions in connection with the traffic in ocean steamers. In the first place, there is some reason to fear that the successful passages now made by the vessels of the principal lines have done much to promote an undue sense of security, under the influence of which many necessary precautions are too often neglected. We readily admit the very great efficiency displayed in the management of the "Cunard" and "Inman" lines. Finer vessels were never built than those used in the service of both companies, and for a long period the voyages have been made with a regularity and certainty well calculated to put even careful managers off their guard. The impression may gradually grow up that a steamer like the *Russia* or the *City of Paris* cannot be lost. But, in addition to this fact, we have to remember that these first-class steamers are by no means so safe as the commonest sailing ship whenever their machinery breaks down. Even with the wind in their favor, they can make very little headway. If storms prevail, the most they can hope to do is to hold their own. But the chances are that, with a screw dragging them down, they will be very much at the mercy of winds and waves. The screw becomes an instrument of fearful danger. Without it, a steamer might do very well under sail—but with that dragging a dead weight astern, the most skillful officers can do very little for the ship.

It is quite certain that every steamer ought to carry appliances for lifting the screw out of water in case of accident. This would involve some change in the construction of these vessels, but if it added to their safety, the alteration would be well justified. It will be remembered that the *Great Eastern* was saved on one occasion by a passenger on board suggesting a means by which the screw could be lifted out of water. There ought to be no difficulty in the matter, and the Clyde builders could probably soon put the requisite machinery into the oldest screw-steamer afloat.

Another point which naturally engages public attention is in reference to the use of boats on board steamers. There are some captains who regularly make their crews go through a boat drill, thus keeping their hands in lest any accident should happen, and it is a great pity that the practice is not universal. It is, however, a remarkable fact that when a great steamer has been lost, it has been lost utterly—the boats do not appear to have been put out at all. The captains are probably unwilling to admit that the only hope of the passengers and crews rests in deserting [illegible] Even if the *City of Boston* met with some terrible disaster, the crew, eight hundred of which were life-boats, and all were well supplied with sails and water compartments. If these were launched, who can doubt that some of the passengers would have been saved? We will, indeed, still hope that the steamer herself will come to port, but in the event of the worst, people will wonder why a last chance was not given to the passengers and crew by means of the boats.

It is a depressing circumstance that the *City of Boston* has never once been seen—so far as we yet know—since she left Halifax. We hear of the *Samaria*, and indeed the chances are that no large steamer could be fifty-three days out without meeting with some craft to which she could communicate tidings of her condition. There can be no question that some captains of steamers treat sailing ships very cavalierly—scarcely taking any notice of their signals, and avoiding the "bother" of communicating with them if they can. Hence there has arisen on the part of sailing ships a disinclination to "speak" steamers, and it is possible that the *City of Boston* may have been passed unnoticed. This idea, doubtless, has led an ex-admiral of the British Navy to recommend the Board of Trade to search the logs of sailing ships. There is just one chance in a thousand that some news would be learned of the missing steamer in this way. At this time of year a steamer which fell out of the beaten track, which is nearly as well defined as Broadway or Fifth-avenue, might beat about for weeks without meeting a sail. This is now nearly our only hope for the *City of Boston*.

The Law of Political Progress Exemplified in Reconstruction.

It very often happens in the lives of nations that the assertion of a fundamental political principle may be repeatedly baffled and postponed, and by a variety of causes. The civilization of the time may not be abreast of or prepared for the assertion or its consequences; or the advocates of the movement may not be able to overcome the resistance always interposed by prescription to proposed reform. But it is a consolation to the friends of popular progress to know that such efforts invariably gather strength from defeat, and that each recurring assertion comes nearer to success. In some instances, involving substantial issues, it seems as if a fatal barrier to the desired reform had been interposed, but sooner or later the clouds are sure to lift, and often at times when the outlook seems the darkest.

Properly read, the political history of the United States affords a good illustration of this theory of political gestation and final realization, which it may be profitable to point out in view of the careless partisan assertions which we continually encounter, to the effect that the political adjustments which have resulted from the war are an invasion of the original doctrines upon which the Government was founded, and a violation of the mutual faith of States which was pledged at the beginning. These assertions have become so familiar by constant iteration in the interests of section and party, that the cursory reader is apt to forget the record, and carelessly accept as true statements which a very little reflection would refute. We can readily understand why Southern politicians, bred in the *ante bellum* school, should cling to their old dogmas by the mere habit of thought and expression; and why Northern Democrats, of the unprogressive, "doughface" class, should continue to cry out against legitimate political changes. To both classes such utterances afford an easy and plausible semi-justification, and a soothing balm for their hurt minds. Occasionally, however, we meet such expressions from prominent individuals whose antecedents, and conceded ability and honesty, create surprise and incredulity.

An instance in point has recently transpired in Boston. In an address delivered before the "Constitutional Club" of that city, on the 22d of February, Mr. JOHN QUINCY ADAMS declared "that there was nothing of the old Constitution of our fathers left to us except what was always understood and believed by them to be a mere incident of Constitutional power, and that is the war power." This is a grave assertion to come from the great-grandson of the second President, and the grandson of another President, who was an ardent pioneer in the grand movement of which reconstruction on the basis of emancipation is the perfect fruit. While we are willing to concede that it may have had an unconscious inspiration of partizanship, and that it was prompted by recent political associations, we feel obliged to take issue with the broad statement made by Mr. ADAMS.

Recurring to our first proposition, we maintain that the principles underlying reconstruction, so far from being an abandonment of the Constitution, are but a legitimate result of what was attempted and urged at the outset by some of the most prominent founders, and that the adjustment which has been made is but a successful termination of a struggle which has been going on ever since the Constitution was framed. In other words, we hold that reconstruction is simply a final settlement of the postponed issues of 1787.

In the Convention which framed the Constitution, a very wide difference of opinion was developed in regard to the nature of the Government to be formed. One party, headed by ALEXANDER HAMILTON, contended for a strong Government with a decided nationality; while the other favored the purely federal idea. JOHN ADAMS, MADISON and RANDOLPH did not go to the full extent of HAMILTON's view, although they leaned strongly in favor of a powerful central Government, as also did WASHINGTON. The result was a compromise, in which both parties yielded much, and the Constitution of 1787 was the result. Hardly had it been adopted, however, when HAMILTON and his school undertook to accomplish by construction, what they had failed to incorporate in that instrument. In resistance to their efforts, a States Rights Party was [illegible] Government by the Constitution, A popular record which [illegible] of the Government, by [illegible] of construction. A popular record which [illegible] of the new Government, but which finally ended in the election of JEFFERSON and the [illegible] of the wise federal rules. This finally crystallized into the Southern idea of "States Rights," and the doctrine that the Union was a mere pact which might be terminated at pleasure by any of the parties to it.

The slave interest, and its instinct of self-preservation, made the force a formidable one. After his quarrel with Gen. JACKSON, and his resignation of the Vice-Presidency, Mr. CALHOUN became the open advocate of the State-rights secession doctrine in behalf of the South. He saw with prophetic vision the coming of the irreconcilable conflict between the North and South, and he intrenched himself behind the reserved rights of States. When the inevitable crisis came, war was the only arbiter. With it came emancipation—as a military expedient and not as a policy—and with it the necessities of reorganization on a new basis.

Without entering into any discussion of the method by which that reorganization was effected, we refer only to the conclusion arrived at. It is that, as conqueror, the abiding loyalty of the land had a right to require certain conditions as precedent to restoration which would harmonize all sections upon the new basis of emancipation. Among those conditions was the acceptance of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments to the Constitution. There is certainly nothing in them which essentially contravenes the Federal idea, or impairs the original design of the Constitution. They simply harmonize that instrument with existing facts, leaving the States in all other respects as they were. They make our Government what it was originally asserted to be—a Republic based on the idea that all men are created equal, and recognizing and protecting all alike. This was the doctrine of the fathers of the Republic, temporarily postponed in its full assertion as a matter of policy to secure the adoption of the Constitution; it was the doctrine of 1776 on which the war of the Revolution was fought, and centuries before it was the doctrine of Christianity expressed in the declaration of the "universal fatherhood of God, and the universal brotherhood of man."

Defects in the Revenue Law.

Are we ever to have a Revenue law so guarded at every point that it will be easier for its officers to thoroughly enforce it than for evil-disposed persons to violate it in any particular? A few years ago, under a former statute, the distillers and their friends, the whisky lawyers, made it their boast that Congress could pass no law through which they could not drive a "coach and four." They flung that gage in the face of Congress and the Revenue Department. The challenge was accepted, and, so far as Congress attempted to alter the law, it gave us a vastly wiser and better system of revenue legislation. But, unfortunately, even in that several gates were left not only ajar, but wide open, and through them the whisky men drove, if not coaches and four, what served their purpose infinitely better—innumerable trucks heavily laden with fraudulent spirits. And this they continued, with nearly absolute impunity, to do for half a year after the passage of this better and wiser act, of July 20, 1868. Mr. DELANO set himself to close these avenues of fraud soon after his accession to office; and he did close many of them by securing the necessary legislation in April, 1869.

It would be a relief to feel that these later amendments and enactments were comprehensive and stringent enough to render needless any further revision or change. For, if there is any thing which more than another aggravates the burdens of taxation and embarrasses the business of the country, it is the frequent alteration of the laws affecting those interests. The enterprises which enrich and dignify a State flourish only under laws definite, certain and constant in their operation. Besides, after seven years' pretty thorough schooling in that sort of business, the people had a right to expect that our law-makers had acquired sharpness, breadth and skill sufficient to mature a system which should make fraud and evasion not only virtually, but technically impossible—that, at all events, in its execution the Government, without violating any right of the citizen, should stand on the vantage-ground in respect to every legislative provision. We are constrained to say that this consummation has not yet been fully reached.

Among the more important Administrative provisions of the act now in force is that for the appointment of twenty-five detectives, who were, it is to be presumed, designed to serve as revenue police. We say "presumed," for by some unaccountable legislative oversight, no authority is conferred upon these persons to do any official act whatever, and no definite duty is prescribed. The law merely provides for their appointment and compensation; and the commission issued to them has no legal validity except to entitle the holders to the pay and allowances therein stipulated. This is a singular state of affairs, to say the least. The positions thus created were considered very important by the higher officers of the revenue, and quite desirable by applicants for place; so they were quickly filled and have been kept continuously so, since the passage of the law. These detectives, without any close scrutiny as to the question of power, have been vigorously at work all over the country in what was conceived to be the line of their duty. Many of them have rendered service of the highest value to the Government. Yet they have not a scrap of authority from the law for anything done by them. They have undertaken and carried out investigations at the instance, and, in many cases, to the advantage of the Government, but it has been essentially at their own personal risk.

More than a year ago the chief Deputy Commissioner of Internal Revenue decided that these persons "had no authority, properly speaking, as they were not officers in the legal sense. Their employment by the Commissioner, however, appeared to be both [illegible] and expedient, that the service might then be pursued to desired outcomes on any pretension, to be pushed any effects only." It is to to be hoped that we are near the end of this purblind style of legislation, and that we shall be saved any further the spectacle of the law itself its officers and weighty interests of the Government, being placed at serious disadvantage by flaws in the statutes.

Give Army and Navy Schools.

If the scientists were called to vote two national schools, by the disgraceful traffic in cadetships, resulting in a thorough recasting of the appointment system, the Whittemores and Galladays of the House will and have invited a severe punishment in vain. The time will come when people will regard the present method of officering our land and sea services as absurd in the extreme. That appointments to the two Academies should go, like blessing, by favor; that competitive examinations should be ignored; that political or family influence should be supreme; and that this system of partiality, unworthy in its best estate of a Republic which boasts of furnishing the "career open to talent," has at length resulted in hawking cadetships to the highest bidders—all this will seem to a wiser generation the height of folly.

Two necessities are clear in the case; or, rather, one, to which the second attaches itself as a corollary. The standard of admission must be raised at West Point and Annapolis; and, in order to effect this, the candidatures must be thrown wider open, and deserving youth throughout the country allowed, with certain proper restrictions, to compete. The Board appointed to examine the Academy at West Point, last Summer, performed their duty with unusual thoroughness. As a result, they found that the corps of instructors was exceedingly well qualified for its duties; that the cadets were in excellent discipline, and were attentive to their studies; and yet that there was room for very great improvement in the institution itself. The cardinal difficulty they found was in the low standard of admission; and they declared that, as a consequence, the cadets were kept employed for the first year or two mainly in acquiring that rudimentary knowledge which they should have brought with them to the school. It is needless for us to rehearse the particulars which the Board cited in proof of its position. Suffice it to say that the position itself was well taken. It is useless to reply that a military institution can afford to "skip" these elementary branches, because they lie at the base of any sound education. The professional education must be added to these, just as final colors are laid upon ground colors, and as the superstructure of the building rises from the foundation. And yet Inspector-General SCHRIVER vigorously protested against raising the standard of admission, as recommended by the Board. His ground was that, as it is, he finds it difficult to get the full number of pupils for the Academy, although a cadetship is so coveted as to be bought on the terms recently exposed in Congress.

In this case, can there be any doubt as to the immediate and imperative duty of Congress? That duty is to withdraw the present "close corporation" system of appointments. Let two, three, or five times the present number of nominations be made; let them be made not only by Congressmen but also by such authorities as Presidents of colleges and certain general officers in the army, or other eminent official personages who would present fit candidates; then, out of the nominees, let those who stand highest in the points of mental, physical, and moral development and promise, and in obvious aptitude for the career of arms, be chosen after a competitive examination severe enough to eliminate all but the best.

We have accommodation for a hundred or two hundred more cadets at West Point and Annapolis than now receive instruction, and that without a serious increase in the corps of instructors. In order to get the full benefit of our established schools, as well as to employ the talents of the Academic Faculties on the most promising pupils, we must have a wider sphere for appointments, and a new method of selecting the persons upon whom they are conferred.

There was a slight spasm of outraged political virtue in the Assembly Chamber yesterday, Mr. FIELDS alleging that he had been solicited by Mr. ARNEWORTH, of Saratoga, claiming to be the authorized agent of a ring of ten members, to "make it an object" to support a street railroad bill. The House evidently felt itself on delicate ground, and quite a sensation was created. The usual investigation was ordered, and there the matter will undoubtedly rest, unless the Assembly shall follow the precedent established last year, and reprimand Mr. FIELDS for making the revelation.

It will be seen that Deputy Sheriff JACKSON, who murdered a man named DOUGLAS last November, has many influential friends. The means by which justice may be baffled in this City, where a "politician" is concerned, are almost endless, and of course they are all to be put in force on behalf of this poor, innocent, injured creature, JACKSON. After all, what did he do? Merely pulled out a pistol and shot an inoffensive man dead. For this he has been kept in a gentlemanly sort of confinement ever since last November—and yet we call this a free country. Mr. JACKSON ought to have a testimonial from the people—and we know what it would consist of if he had his deserts. The case is at present in the hands of Judge BENEDICT, and we are therefore not without hope that Justice will be done.

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Give Army and Navy Schools.

If the scientists were called to vote two national schools, by the disgraceful traffic in cadetships, resulting in a thorough recasting of the appointment system, the Whittemores and Galladays of the House will and have invited a severe punishment in vain. The time will come when people will regard the present method of officering our land and sea services as absurd in the extreme. That appointments to the two Academies should go, like blessing, by favor; that competitive examinations should be ignored; that political or family influence should be supreme; and that this system of partiality, unworthy in its best estate of a Republic which boasts of furnishing the "career open to talent," has at length resulted in hawking cadetships to the highest bidders—all this will seem to a wiser generation the height of folly.

Two necessities are clear in the case; or, rather, one, to which the second attaches itself as a corollary. The standard of admission must be raised at West Point and Annapolis; and, in order to effect this, the candidatures must be thrown wider open, and deserving youth throughout the country allowed, with certain proper restrictions, to compete. The Board appointed to examine the Academy at West Point, last Summer, performed their duty with unusual thoroughness. As a result, they found that the corps of instructors was exceedingly well qualified for its duties; that the cadets were in excellent discipline, and were attentive to their studies; and yet that there was room for very great improvement in the institution itself. The cardinal difficulty they found was in the low standard of admission; and they declared that, as a consequence, the cadets were kept employed for the first year or two mainly in acquiring that rudimentary knowledge which they should have brought with them to the school. It is needless for us to rehearse the particulars which the Board cited in proof of its position. Suffice it to say that the position itself was well taken. It is useless to reply that a military institution can afford to "skip" these elementary branches, because they lie at the base of any sound education. The professional education must be added to these, just as final colors are laid upon ground colors, and as the superstructure of the building rises from the foundation. And yet Inspector-General SCHRIVER vigorously protested against raising the standard of admission, as recommended by the Board. His ground was that, as it is, he finds it difficult to get the full number of pupils for the Academy, although a cadetship is so coveted as to be bought on the terms recently exposed in Congress.

In this case, can there be any doubt as to the immediate and imperative duty of Congress? That duty is to withdraw the present "close corporation" system of appointments. Let two, three, or five times the present number of nominations be made; let them be made not only by Congressmen but also by such authorities as Presidents of colleges and certain general officers in the army, or other eminent official personages who would present fit candidates; then, out of the nominees, let those who stand highest in the points of mental, physical, and moral development and promise, and in obvious aptitude for the career of arms, be chosen after a competitive examination severe enough to eliminate all but the best.

We have accommodation for a hundred or two hundred more cadets at West Point and Annapolis than now receive instruction, and that without a serious increase in the corps of instructors. In order to get the full benefit of our established schools, as well as to employ the talents of the Academic Faculties on the most promising pupils, we must have a wider sphere for appointments, and a new method of selecting the persons upon whom they are conferred.

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"MARITANA" AT THE ACADEMY.

The representation of "Maritana" at the Academy of Music last night was enjoyed by an audience that filled the house to overflowing. When sung at the French Theatre by the same bands, the performance had fearly approval for its completeness, and it only remains for us now to give equally favorable testimony in relation to yesterday's rehearsal, which was even more noticeable for smoothness and for fullness of effect. The rich voices of the singers, the unity of execution, the strength of orchestral and choral masses, and, finally, the appropriateness of stage costumes and the realism, exemplified principally in the representation of an English Fair scene, were combined to make a deeper impression than any brought since the earlier and best renderings of the opera here. Mme. PAREPA-ROSA, as heretofore, was Lady Maritana, Mr. SEGUIN Wenzel, Mr. CARLOS Leonel and Mr. CARPENTER Plunkett. A little more gaiety in acting would contribute by of benefit to most of these singers, but no better voices, more genuine earnestness or greater surety resulting from experience could be wished them. There was much applause during the evening, and the spinning-wheel quartet, the familiar ballad of "The Last Rose of Summer," the duet for tenor and baritone in the third act, and the tremendous finale of the same part, in which the choral texture was but a well-proportioned base for the noble voice of Mme. PAREPA-ROSA, were all repeated. As the matinée today "The Marriage of Figaro" is to be sung, for the last time.

REHEARSAL OF THE PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.

The first rehearsal for the fifth concert was given in the Academy of Music yesterday afternoon. The programme follows:

Symphony, to Dante's "Divina Comedia".....Liszt
Overture, "Coriolanus".....Beethoven
Overture, "Euryanthe".....Weber

At the concert Mme. PAREPA and CARL ROSA are to be the soloists. LISZT's symphony was heard yesterday for the first time in America. It purports to be a "tone-poem," founded on DANTE's immortal work. The first part, called "Inferno," opens with a recitative of trombones, which is followed by the ringing tones of the trumpets and horns, while a "crash" indicates the uproar of the evil spirits. The *allegro frenetico* succeeding is wild and impassioned, indicating, we are told, "the frenzy of despair, the rage of the damned, their curses and blasphemies." The movement passes into the *andante amoroso*, giving a quieter effect but ending with a loud repetition of the curse, "*Lasciate ogni speranza.*" Part second is termed "Purgatorio." It begins with an *andante* in choral style. Then a fugue movement and prayer, passing into a plaintive recitative, and then boldly swelling out in a chant and concluding with a noisy Hallelujah. The symphony, on a first hearing, hardly seems to equal the effect of poem. LISZT is full of originality, but he seems to try and astonish rather than to charm. His present symphony leaves an unsatisfied feeling. One bears away but a remembrance of confused sounds. But it is evidently a composition which can only be properly appreciated by repetition. With the addition of the harps and the other instruments which have not yet arrived from Europe, the effect will doubtless be different. It seems as though the choir of boys, from Trinity Church, who sing in the second part, might be better placed. The two overtures are well-known and are always welcome. "Coriolanus" seems to breathe the spirit of the great composer in every note, while WEBER's life and freshness are conspicuous throughout "Euryanthe." The concert bids fair to be one of the best the Philharmonic Society has ever given.

CONCERTS TO-NIGHT.

The soirée musicale to which reference was made yesterday as enlisting the aid of Miss ANNA MEHLIG, Mrs. DAVISON, Misses STERLING and RONCONI, and other artists, in behalf of the Female Christian Home, occurs at Steinway Hall to-night. A grand concert by the Hyas Children, who are to be assisted by Mrs. JENNY KEMPTON, Miss HENRIETTA BEEBE and Signor SALVOTTI, also takes place this evening, Apollo Hall being the place.

OBITUARY.

Hon. Gulian C. Verplanck—Action of the Board of Commissioners of Emigration.

Another old and revered citizen of New-York is gone. Hon. GULIAN C. VERPLANCK died at his residence in Fourteenth-street, yesterday morning, in the eighty-fourth year of his age.

Mr. VERPLANCK came from one of the old Dutch families that originally settled Manhattan Island. He was born in this City in August, 1786. At the age of twelve years he entered Columbia College, from which institution he was graduated in 1801. He then studied law; and after being admitted to practice, he spent several years traveling in Europe. Returning home in 1811, he was elected to the State Legislature. In 1818 he delivered a lecture before the Historical Society on the "Early European Friends of America," which was afterward published in pamphlet form and passed through several editions. During the exciting political campaign of 1819 he published several satirical pamphlets aimed at DE WITT CLINTON and his friends, which attracted much attention at the time. He was a member of the Legislature of 1820, serving on the Committee on Solicitation of Bills. In 1821 he delivered the course of the "Evidences of Christianity" in the General Protestant Episcopal Seminary of this City. Soon after he published essays on the "Nature and Uses of the Various Evidences of Revealed Religion," and in 1825 a work on the "Doctrine of Contracts." The same year he was elected a member of Congress, holding that position eight years. He was an earnest advocate of the extension of the term of copyright from twenty-eight to forty-two years, a measure which was passed in 1831. At the close of his session he was tendered a public dinner by his constituents. In conjunction with WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT and R. C. SANDS he published the *Talisman*, an annual in prose and verse, nearly one-half of which was written by himself. In 1840 appeared a volume of his "Discourses and Addresses on Subjects of Morals, Arts and Literature." In 1844 the first number of an edition of Shakespeare appeared under his supervision, and in 1847 the work was finished. After the close of his Congressional career Mr. VERPLANCK served many terms as State Senator. He was also Vice-Chancellor of the University of the State, and held the office of Regent of the University for forty-one years. He was President of the Board of Emigration Commissioners from the time of its organization in 1847, and one of the Governors of the New-York Hospital. He was one of the founders of the Century Club, an organization in which he ever evinced a lively interest, and of which he was President at the time of his death. Mr. VERPLANCK's last public appearance, we believe, was in 1868, on the 4th of July, in which year he delivered the oration on the occasion of the opening of the new Tammany Hall in Fourteenth-street. He was very decided in his political views, and never abstained from expressing them from any fear of unpopularity. Although earnest in his politics, he never practiced the arts of a small politician and whenever office was conferred upon him, it was in view of his acknowledged merit and his personal and political integrity. In social life he ornamented the society in which he moved, and made hosts of friends among all classes of his fellow-citizens. Few in New-York have departed hence whose loss is more generally felt or whose memory will be more gratefully cherished.

ACTION OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF EMIGRATION.

The Board of Commissioners of Emigration, of which Mr. VERPLANCK was President, met at the Society Library Building, last evening, to take action with regard to the decease of their lamented presiding officer. Mr. F. C. WHERON, Vice-President of the Board, occupied the chair. Mr. WHERON feelingly announced the decease of Mr. VERPLANCK. This was not the time or place, he said, to speak in eulogistic terms of the deceased. Other associations with which he was connected would tell the public of his many virtues as a citizen, and of his great abilities as a statesman, a lawyer, and a writer. Their only object now was to take such action as was fitting and proper with regard to the decease of their late associate and presiding officer.

Commissioner CYRUS H. LOUTREL then offered the following resolutions, pronouncing them with a few remarks:

Whereas, The Commissioners of Emigration have learned with profound sorrow of the sudden death this day of their venerable and revered President, Hon. GULIAN C. VERPLANCK; and

Whereas, The long services of the deceased as member and President of this Board in the five organizations in 1847, which he was forward in projecting, evince it peculiarly fitting that his associates should give their public testimony to the worth of his virtues and their sorrow for his loss; therefore,

Resolved, That, in the death of GULIAN C. VERPLANCK, the cause of emigration had lost one of its ablest and most zealous supporters, and the emigrant a benevolent, wise and zealous friend.

Resolved, That while, next to his kindred, his loss will be felt most directly felt by the cause to which the best hours of the prime of his honored life was devoted, and for those whose welfare he was ever to his associates and co-workers in that labor of love, it is scarcely less keen to his country, which loses in him a son who honored her by the possession of every

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The attendance in the Court of Oyer and Terminer, yesterday morning, was not so large as on previous occasions, when the election fraud cases were set down for a hearing. The Circuit Court calendar having been called over, the presiding Judge, (GILDERSLEEVE) who had some while been joined on the bench by Assistant Justices WEDMORE and JOHNSON, demanded whether the District-Attorney was ready to proceed with the election cases. Mr. MORRIS called the list of his witnesses, as follows, to wit: Samuel Barnes, Jr., Charles Wilmerding, Robert R. Ely, Chas. Cadier, James H. Savile, George M. Daly, David Lawson, H. L. Phillipi, R. L. Hommedieu, Tuscan C. Watson, C. F. Merritt, David Campbell, Geo. D. Turner, Joseph Oliver, George Swan, D. A. Hegeman, Michael Lennon, A. S. Bennett, Officers Vanghan and Sanes, Albert Ammerman, William Stewart, A. McCanly, Henry, Willis, D. B. Hasbrouck, George Martin, Edward Corcoran, Thomas Riley, Charles W. Thomas, B. Hibbert, Officers Cathis and Brown, of the Twenty-sixth Precinct, Andrew J. Hooks, E. G. Murray and James R. Mills. The majority of the witnesses served to their names.

For the defence appeared Messrs. GRENVILLE T. JONES and WINCHESTER BRITTON. For the prosecution Assistant Attorney MORRIS and Ex-Judge HENRY A. MOSES.

The District-Attorney requested the clerk to call JAMES BUCKLEY, when Mr. WINCHESTER interposed and said he had taken the liberty of that Mr. BUCKLEY was sick, and that he would produce an affidavit to substantiate the same.

Mr. MORRIS then said that as he had anticipated some of his witnesses were absent, and he must accordingly apply to the Court for attachments to secure their attendance. In all the cases there were witnesses that were present and some were absent, so that it was impossible to proceed.

The Court asked whether the cases should be set down for to-morrow morning?

The District-Attorney replied. As soon as the witnesses were present he could go on, and all he wanted was a delay of a short time to bring them together. The witnesses present were then requested to remain till the others were forthcoming. While the attachments were being applied for, it was discovered that the missing witnesses had quietly retired to the corridor. The District-Attorney accordingly announced that he was ready to proceed with the trial of JOHN LYNCH, who had been a canvasser in the Third District of the Eleventh Ward. The name was duly cried, but Mr. LYNCH was not forthcoming. Counsel for the defendant intimated that he had given him due notice, and that his absence was wholly unaccountable. A bench warrant was accordingly applied for and granted, and he was at a later hour arrested and brought into Court.

Meanwhile the District-Attorney was asked by the Court whether he was ready to proceed with any of the other cases. Mr. MORRIS intimated that he preferred to begin with LYNCH's case. The civil calendar was, therefore, resumed, and it was not till 3:30 in the afternoon that an opening was found to revert to the election cases. At that hour, on the District-Attorney asking to be allowed to proceed with the case of JOHN LYNCH, the Court stated that it would be unfair to the jurymen to begin at that hour. Mr. MORRIS remonstrated, and alluded to the extreme difficulty he had in bringing witnesses to attend. The Court, however, ruled that the case must stand adjourned till Monday morning at 10 o'clock. The District-Attorney then requested that the name of JAMES BUCKLEY be again called. No answer being given, he moved that the recognizances given by this defendant be forfeited. Mr. BRITTON, on behalf of Mr. BUCKLEY, had made good his appearance, and the motion of the District-Attorney was disallowed. The witnesses were emphatically warned by the Court that non-attendance on Monday morning without sufficient excuse would be severely punished.

PLEISS DISCHARGED.

Decision by Commissioner Osborn—Strong Comments on the Conduct of the Prosecution.

A decision was given by Commissioner OSBORN yesterday in the case of WILLIAM M. PLEISS, charged with making false income returns to the Government, on complaint of Collector BAILEY. He discharged the defendant on the ground that the evidence for the prosecution was insufficient and unsatisfactory. The following is the decision:

The accused stands charged with having made a false and fraudulent income return for the year 1869, with intent to defraud the United States. The prosecution claims that the books of the defendant show more money to have been paid than he returned, as the Assessor indicates. The defendant claims that he met with large losses during that year, which were entered on his books at the commencement of the year 1869, for which losses, he claimed, he had a right to deduct from his income for that year. The books of account were not produced in evidence—each side claiming that the books were not in their possession. Contradictory and secondary evidence was offered on the part of the prosecution to show the discrepancy. The Commissioner received the same by reason of the non-production of the books, but does not attach much weight to it, because of its general character, and the unsatisfactory manner in which it was given by the witness. It is to prove, by the Government's witnesses, that a lot of business books and papers came into the hands of Collector BAILEY in January last; and that it was in the power of the Collector to furnish the Commissioner evidence of the last of books so seized under his authority, and detained by him, and which, so far as the evidence shows, have never been returned. If the prosecution furnished the books and papers seized by the Collector, which, it was a matter to do, and not leave it in doubt as to whether the ledger and cash book were among those seized and detained, the Commissioner would have had the means of ready and full at the same time that the Government exhausted all means at its disposal to get at the knowledge of the whereabouts of the books in question, to wit, the whereabouts of the books and papers seized, and that the defendant has said, upon oath, that they are under his control. The books of the defendant and his partner were placed in custody of Mr. TILNEY, the Highlander, at the time of their execution on the 9th of April, 1869, and up to the time of their disappearance, they have not been in the custody of the defendant or his partner since that date; and while in the custody of the Government, they were by Collector BAILEY in the possession of the defendant, and, at the time of their execution on the 9th of April, 1869, and up to the time of their disappearance, they were in the possession of the internal revenue officers or not. The prosecution must not assume to be the judge of how much evidence will hold an accused for trial, but it must be satisfied in its mind that the case must be all presented, if the Commissioner is to do justice to both sides, and not be compelled to infer guilt or innocence on half-hinted and incomplete facts. The charge of the defendant, in January, 1869 may be false, but the Commissioner is not to judge of it on the general statement of one witness without any satisfactory documentary evidence, and with no probable formal indictment. The defendant is discharged.

The Alleged Swindling of Emigrants.

At the last regular meeting of the Commissioners of Emigration, Mr. BERNARD CARRIGY, the General Agent, called the attention of the Board to certain affidavits of Italian emigrants to the effect that they had been swindled in Genoa by one EAGINY, and in Havre by the firm of C. BROWN & Co., who, it was alleged, had been practicing similar frauds in the sale of railroad tickets to those which were broken up by the Commissioners last year. The subject was referred to a committee of the General Agent for investigation regarding the continuation of the firm of BOYD & HINCKEY, of this City, with BROWN & Co.

One of the affidavits was by a Frenchman, who asserted that on his arrival in Havre he was enticed into the office of BROWN & Co., and there induced to part with his money for tickets from New-York to San Francisco, on the plea that he could procure them at a cheaper rate in Havre than he could in New-York. Instead of tickets having been given him, however, he received an order on BOYD & HINCKEY, signed by C. BROWN & Co., for a third-class ticket from New-York to San Francisco, and board and lodging in New-York, and board on the passage to be paid by the emigrant. For this order the Frenchman gave 500 francs, which he paid in American $5 pieces, the market value of which in Havre was twenty-five francs, whereas BROWN & Co. only delivered him a ticket worth twenty-three francs sixty-five cents. The emigrant claims in his affidavit that he has been swindled out of the difference.

A notary was sent to the office of Messrs. BOYD & HINCKEY, and demand made for the $25, which they refused to pay. Yesterday Mr. HINCKEY called upon Mr. CASSERLY, and in the course of conversation relative to the matter, stated that the emigrant must have made false statements, for he (Mr. H.) was satisfied that Brown & Co. did in Havre was nothing to BOYD & HINCKEY, who merely obeyed the instructions of their correspondent, and delivered the tickets demanded by the bearer of the order. Mr. HINCKEY was of opinion that if any swindle had been perpetrated it was by BROWN & Co., who was the principal of BROWN & Co. in Havre, as BROWN was the principal, in these transactions, of BOYD & HINCKEY of this City.

The matter will be referred to the Italian Minister and Secretary of State, to see if some steps cannot be taken to break up this business of fraud. Affidavits have been taken at Castle Garden, which show that sundrous Italians have lost amounts in the aggregate of $1,180 by being swindled out for tickets by this house.

Board of Aldermen—First-Avenue to be Opened Once More.

The Board of Aldermen met somewhat unusually and unnecessarily yesterday afternoon. Mr. COMAN in the chair.

Resolutions fixing the salary of the Mayor's first Marshal at $4,000 per annum, and that of the second Marshal at $3,000, were read and laid over.

The resolution to open First-avenue from Washington-square to the Central Park with Mayor Hall's proclamation, was adopted over the Mayor's veto.

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Monroe-st., n. s., 250 ft. e. of Liberty-av., 50x100 1,500
Lots 1 share in Mill-street, southerly corner, 100x 100 ... 3,750
Morris-st., n. s., 175 ft. e. of Grand-av., 25x100 ... 10,000
Seventh-st., n. s., 275 ft. w. of Hart-st., 25x100, 1,000
Graham-av., w. s., 75 ft. n. of Ainslie-st., 19x75 ... 3,000
Lee-av. and Hewes-st., s. e. corner, 61.8x100 ... 15,000
Moore-st., n. s., 161.5 ft. w. of Henry-st., 18x 107.5 ... 3,000
Utica-av., w. s., 40 ft. n. of Herkimer-st., 20x70 ... 10,000
5th-av., w. s., 50 ft. n. of Warren-st., 25x80.10 ... 6,500

WESTCHESTER COUNTY.

Sales.

4th-av., e. s., lot No. 350, Central Mount Vernon, 25x100 ... $500
5th-av., w. s., lot No. 326, Mount Vernon, 25x100 ... 2,400
7th-av., w. s., lot No. 326, Central Mount Vernon, 50x100 ... 350

Wills Filed.

Washington-av., w. s., 100 ft. s. of Charles-st., 111 x100 ... $2,500

Mortgages Filed.

Lots Nos. 576 and 577 Lefferts's map, 84x90x92x 100 ... $450

NEW-JERSEY.

Sales.

Baldwin-st., s. s., 427 ft. w. of West-st., 25x100, $1,200
Belmont-av., w. s., 100 ft. n. of Kinney-st., 15x100 4,000
Dodge-st., w. s., 46 ft. s. of Passaic drift-way, 100x100 ... 3,000
Fairmount-st., s. s., 75 ft. s. of West Bank-st., 25 x100 ... 1,000
Madison-st., s. s., 204 ft. e. of Market-st., 30x90 1,500
Mulberry-st., s. s., 128 ft. e. of Hamilton-st., 30x 120 ... 2,000
Pulaski-st., Middleton, 7¼ acres ... 6,000
Vesey-st., s. s., 273 ft. e. of New Jersey Railroad, 25x100 ... 1,400

Real Grants.

Halstead-st., w. s., 266 ft. n. of Central-av., 42.8x 171.1 ... $12,000
Steuben-st., w. s., 400 ft. from Sussex-av., 102x 150 ... 4,000

HUDSON COUNTY.

Jersey City.

Grant-st., n. s., 120 ft. w. of Henderson-st., 20x 100 ... $6,400
Lots Nos. 101, 103 and 105 to 108, blocks Nos. 77 and 92 to 95, block No. 72, all inclusive, map of North Point Company ... 28,300

Hoboken.

Bloomfield-st., e. s., 125 ft. s. of 5th-st., 25x100 $2,000
Meadow and 7th sts., n. w. corner, 22x95 ... 2,000

North Bergen.

Lot No. 602, block No. 10, map of Guttenberg, 25 x100 ... $600

Harrison.

Patterson-st., e. s., 150 ft. s. of Cross-st., 25x97 ... $300

Bergenne.

Humphreys-st. and Hudson-av., s. w. corner, 100x100 ... $1,100

Kearney.

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EXECUTORS' SALE OF THE VALUABLE PROPERTY KNOWN AS THE UNITED STATES HOTEL, AT FAR ROCKAWAY, L. I.

ADRIAN H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO., will sell at auction, on TUESDAY, March 29, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Sale-room, No. 111 Broadway, by order of the undersigned, Executors of the estate of Andrew F. Muller, deceased, the celebrated United States Hotel property, situate at Far Rockaway, Long Island.

This property has a frontage on the Rockaway turnpike (opposite the side of the Marine Pavilion) of 450 feet on Center-st. ext. feet, and on the Atlantic Ocean 84 feet, and extends back to the Ocean. The hotel building is frame, three stories above basement, well and substantially built, in shape an L, 75 feet on the outside of each angle, containing 50 sleeping apartments, 2 parlors, 2 dining rooms, 2 kitchens, 1 dining hall, parlors, bar room, kitchen, servants' hall; a fine brick cellar under the entire building, and a piazza on the ocean front. The building is in good condition, with the exception of the roof, which is a frightful hotel. There is also a fine stable, hen-house, laundry, ice-house, hennery, and other outbuildings. Two beach in front of the property connect the surf and the ocean, and are well adapted for bathing. The United States Hotel is justly celebrated as being one of the most delightful and fashionable watering-places on the Atlantic sea-board. This sale will afford an opportunity to purchasers who wish for the business, or intend to hold property. Terms at sale. The furniture of the hotel will be sold at auction at a future date, due notice of which will be given. A photographic view of the hotel and premises will be shown at the auctioneers, No. 7 Pine-st., where maps can be obtained. MICHAEL MULRY, JAMES MULRY, Executors.

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Drafts on London, Ireland and Scotland, payable without discount, at the National Bank of Scotland.
For freight or passage apply at the Company's office, No. 4 Bowling-green.
CHAS. G. FRANCKLYN, Agent.

STEAM TO GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND LONDONDERRY.

THE ANCHOR LINE.

Passenger Clyde built passenger steamers are intended to sail as follows:
CABEDONIA.....March 16 | COLUMBIA.....April 6
ANGLIA.....March 30 | EUROPA.....April 20
AUSTRALIA.....April 13 | INDIA.....April 27
and each SATURDAY thereafter, from Pier No. 20 North River, at 12 o'clock, noon.

RATES OF PASSAGE PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.
Cabins, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $60 and $70.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $100.
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Prepaid Certificates from Glasgow, $28.
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For further information apply on the steamers, foot of Delaware-st., Pier 41 North River, or at the Company's office, No. 7 Bowling-green.
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FOR LIVERPOOL,
(VIA QUEENSTOWN,)
CARRYING THE UNITED STATES MAILS.

THE LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY will dispatch one of their first-class full power iron screw steamships from PIER NO. 46 NORTH RIVER, EVERY WEDNESDAY, as follows:
NEBRASKA, Captain GUARD.....Mar. 22, at 11 A. M.
MANHATTAN, Captain FORSYTH.....Mar. 29, at 2 P. M.
MINNESOTA, Captain PRICE.....April 5, at 5 P. M.
IDAHO, Captain CUTTING.....April 12, at 8 P. M.
NEVADA, Captain LEARY.....April 19, at 11 A. M.
COLORADO, Captain WILLIAMS.....April 27, at 3 P. M.
Cabin passage, $80 gold.
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For freight or cabin passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 46 Wall-st.

NATIONAL LINE.

STEAM TO LIVERPOOL, AND QUEENSTOWN, From Pier No. 4 North River.
DENMARK, Forbes, Saturday, March 26, at 4 A. M.
VIRGINIA, Thomas, Wednesday, March 30, at 10 A. M.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Gold, $80 and $70; Steerage, $30, currency.
Prepaid steerage from Liverpool, Queenstown, Londonderry and Glasgow, $26 currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
F. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE GREATLY REDUCED.

Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:
First Class, $225 to $175. Steerage, $65.
According to location of berth.
These rates include berths, board and all necessaries for the trip.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 o'clock noon,
ON 5TH AND 21ST OF EACH MONTH,
except when these days fall on Sunday, then the day preceding.
One hundred pounds of baggage free to each adult.
Medicine and attendance FREE.
MARICOPA, Captain HAWES, Saturday, March 26.
connecting with COLORADO, Captain ——, Saturday, April 16.
Steerage CHINA will leave San Francisco April 1, 1870, for China and Japan.
Freight for CHINA COMMERCE received until 4 P. M. on SATURDAY, March 26. All connections advertised shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
For freight or passage tickets, and all further information, apply of the office, Pier No. 42 North River.
F. R. RAPP, Agent.

UNITED STATES MAIL TO HAVANA.

ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
STEAMER WILL SAIL EVERY THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M. precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
MISSOURI, (Captain F. B. Edwards, (via Nassau,) March 24.
MORRO CASTLE, Captain S. Adam, March 31.
COLUMBIA, Captain E. Van Sicklen, April 7.
For freight or passage apply to
J. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.

New-York and Havana Mail Steamship Line, sailing every twenty days, from Pier No. 9 East River, at 12 noon.
CLEOPATRA, Capt. Lindsay, Saturday, March 26.
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. Lindsay, Saturday, April 2.
For freight or passage apply to
F. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 10 Broadway.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAILS.
Atlantic Mail S. S. Co.'s steamer MISSOURI, Captain J. B. EDWARDS, March 24, at 3 P. M., from Pier No. 4 North River.
For freight or passage apply to
J. G. WHEELER, Jr., President,
No. 5 Bowling-green.

FOR SAVANNAH, GA.,
AND THE SOUTH AND SOUTHWEST.
GREAT SOUTHERN FREIGHT AND PASSENGER LINE STEAMSHIPS, AND CENTRAL RAILROAD OF GEORGIA.
GREAT REDUCTION IN PASSENGER RATES TO ALL POINTS IN THE INTERIOR.
FOUR STEAMERS A WEEK.
TUESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY.
THE STEAMSHIPS
SAN SALVADOR, Captain NICKERSON, SATURDAY, March 19, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green.
MONTGOMERY, Captain PARROTTE, SATURDAY, March 19, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
R. LOWDEN, Agent,
No. 10 Wall-st.
ETO, Captain DEARING, TUESDAY, March 22, from Pier No. 16 East River, at 3 P. M.
MURRAY, FERRIS & CO., Agents,
No. 61 and 63 Broadway.
GENERAL BARNES, Captain McCreary, THURSDAY, March 31, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M.
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., Agents,
No. 10 Liberty-st.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA PENSACOLA ROUTE
THE FLORIDA RAILROAD COMPANY WILL DISPATCH THE
FIRST-CLASS STEAMSHIP
FLAG,
Captain LINDSEY,
On WEDNESDAY, March 23, from Pier No. 3 North River, at 3 P. M. Cargo delivered without lighterage at Mobile.
Through bills of lading, New-Orleans prices are accepted.
Insurance represented at one and a half per cent. to Mobile.
Through rates and bills lading given to Selma, Montgomery, and all points in the Interior at LOWEST RATES this day offered.
Passage to Pensacola, $20.
For freight or passage apply to
J. P. PATTERSON, Agent, No. 21 Wall-st., or to
R. H. DRUMMOND & CO., No. 6 Wall-st.
Mobile Agents, A. J. INGERSOLL & CO.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS DIRECT.

OLD LINE—LOW FREIGHT.
The well known fast and favorite steamship
DESOTO,
Thomas S. Morgan, Commander,
will leave Pier No. 36 North River, on SATURDAY, March 19, at 3 P. M. Freight taken at through rates for St. Louis, Mobile and Galveston.
For freight or passage, having superior accommodations, apply to LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO.,
No. 10 Liberty-st.

SHIPPING.

GERMAN AMERICAN LINE.
NO. 2 BOWLING-GREEN.
New-York, Southampton and Havre.
HAVRE.
RISING STAR,
will be dispatched from Pier No. 42 North River, on
THURSDAY, MARCH 24,
Steerage, $35, gold.
For freight or passage apply to
BERNE BROS., No. 22 Broad-st.

FOR CUT, CHARLES AND BRAZOS.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS leaving on the 6th of every month.
NORTH AMERICA, Capt. WOODS, March 16.
MERRIMACK, Capt. WILLARD, April 6.
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. THURLBURGH, May 6.
These steamers carry no passengers, but are fitted up for the accommodation of passengers, and are expected to sail at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, giving ample time for transit. For measurement of freight or passage, apply to
WM. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 5 Bowling-green, New-York.

NOTICE TO TRAVELERS.

Families or gentlemen going to Paris or the Continent of Europe, will find their expenses of a comfortable and pleasant trip very materially lessened by taking the steamers of the Inman Line, which are unsurpassed in speed, strength and accommodation, and offer the cheapest, safest and most reliable conveyance from New-York to Liverpool. For information apply at the office, No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

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NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA RAILROAD,
FROM FOOT OF CORTLANDT-ST.
FARE REDUCED,
TIME LESSENED,
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TO
SAVANNAH,
JACKSONVILLE,
and to all points in
FLORIDA,
by the completion of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad. Invalids and others unwilling to expose themselves to the dangers and discomforts of an ocean voyage, should, by all means, take the
SHORT ALL RAIL ROUTE.
Tickets for sale at New-Jersey Railroad Ticket office, foot of Cortlandt-st.; also, at Nos. 229 and 944 Broadway.
P. W. JACKSON,
General Superintendent.
R. W. BANKIN, General Passenger Agent.
MARCH 12, 1870.

HUDSON RIVER RAILROAD.

Trains leave 30th-st. as follows:
6:00 A. M. Cincinnati and Chicago express, drawing-room cars attached.
6:30 A. M. Albany express, drawing-room cars attached.
8:00 P. M. Pacific express, with sleeping cars through to San Francisco, via M. C. Railroad, and L. S. and M. S. Railroad. (Daily.)
11:00 P. M. Night express, sleeping cars attached.
7:00 A. M., 3:30 and 5 P. M. Poughkeepsie trains.
7:00 A. M., 3:30 and 5 P. M. Croton trains.
1:00 and 6:30 P. M. Sing Sing trains.
6:00, 7:00, 8:30 A. M., 12, 3:30, 4:30, 5, 7 and 11:30 P. M. Yonkers trains.
(6:30 A. M. Yonkers train, Sundays.)
NOV. 15, 1869. J. H. TOUCEY, Superintendent.

ERIE RAILWAY.—TRAINS WILL LEAVE DEPOT, FOOT OF CHAMBERS-ST., and foot of 23d-st., as follows:

New York Express, 9 A. M., leaves Chateaugay, at 6 A. M.
Mail, 12:30 P. M. (daily), leaves Dover, at 8:45 A. M.
Accommodation, 4 P. M. (daily), leaves Dover, at 10 A. M.
Night Express, 12 P. M. (daily), leaves Dover, at 8:45 A. M.
Newburgh Express, 9 A. M., leaves Newburgh, at 7:30 A. M.
Chicago Express, 12 P. M. (daily), leaves Chicago, at 12 M.
Pacific Express, 8 P. M., leaves Chicago, at 12 M.
Accommodation, 4 P. M., leaves Chicago, at 10 A. M.
Chicago Express, 12 P. M.,

THE MISSING STEAMERS.

Glad Tidings from the Samaria of the Cunard Line.

She is Spoken to a Disabled Condition Making Her Way to an Irish Port—No News of the City of Boston—Card from Mr. Dale.

The steam-ship *Samaria*, of the Cunard line, which left Liverpool on the 26th of February, and Queenstown on the 28th, is safe. She was spoken on the 12th inst., when fourteen days out, by the ship *Madge Wildfire*, which arrived at Liverpool yesterday, steering east in a disabled condition, and it was expected, when the dispatch was sent, that she would be signaled off Cape Clear, the most southeasterly point of the Irish coast, during the day.

NO HOAX THIS TIME.

The dispatches which announced this glad tiding are so circumstantial in detail that there can be no mistake and no possibility of error. The first dispatch was received in this City at an early hour yesterday, by Mr. Robert Bayne, a broker of Wall-street, near Broad, from JOSEPH TAYLOR & Co., of Liverpool. Mr. BAYNE immediately sent the dispatch to Mr. C. O. FRANCKLYN, agent of the Cunard line in this City, and in a short time thereafter that gentleman received a dispatch from the agent of the line in Liverpool, confirming the one sent them by Mr. BAYNE. This telegram was as follows:

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—Ship *Madge Wildfire* signaled Cunard brig-rigged steamer 12th inst. disabled. Wanted no assistance. Steering east. *Samaria* expected off Cape Clear today.

(Signed.) MACHEVER.

The Cunarders have no other steamer overdue; the description answers to that of the *Samaria*, and the agent, MACHEVER, was therefore justified in concluding that the *Samaria* was the ship signaled, and thereupon stated tersely that the *Samaria* was "expected off Cape Clear today," from the course which the signaled steamer was steering. The following Associated Press dispatch, received by cable last night, confirms the above:

LIVERPOOL, March 18.—The ship *Madge Wildfire*, Capt. BARCLAY, from Savannah Feb. 6, arrived at this port today. Her Captain reports that on the 12th inst. she signaled a disabled Cunard brig-rigged steamer steering east. She wanted no assistance. This was unquestionably the missing steamer *Samaria*, Capt. MARTIN, from Liverpool for New-York, which has put back to a British port. She is expected to arrive off Cape Clear, Ireland, today.

FURTHER DETAILS LOOKED FOR.

Doubtless cable dispatches of a later date will give more complete details. It is supposed that the *Samaria* was disabled during a gale, that she was compelled to resort to her sails, and her injuries may have been of so serious a character as to convince Capt. HARRISON that it would be unsafe to prosecute the voyage across the Atlantic, and he consequently determined to return to port. His ship was laboriously making her way hither when she was spoken by the *Madge Wildfire*. That she required no assistance is cheering intelligence, for it testifies to the perfect confidence her Captain had in her ability to accomplish her voyage.

THE ANXIETY FOR HER SAFETY.

Had it not been for the fact that the *City of Boston* had been so long at sea, it is probable that the protracted voyage of the *Samaria* would have excited no particular alarm. This ship is a slow sailer, and has sometimes been fourteen days making a trip.

THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The safety of the *Samaria* has inspired anxious watchers with renewed hopes that the *City of Boston* may yet be safe, but her agents in this City had, as late as yesterday afternoon, received no intelligence of her. It is useless to speculate upon the probabilities of the safety of the yet missing steamer, in the absence of any facts upon which to base theories. But those who have relatives on board are not willing to give up all hope yet, and probably will not until it is no longer possible to entertain such sentiments.

CARD FROM MR. DALE.

The following communication from Mr. DALE, agent of the Inman line in this City, explains itself:

LIVERPOOL AND NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA STEAM-SHIP CO., NO. 15 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Friday, March 16, 1876.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In the remarks in your paper of this morning relative to the *City of Boston*, you state, on the authority of a "well-known insurance inspector of hulls and cargoes in Philadelphia," that "it is exceedingly common practice among all British steamers bound both ways, except, perhaps, the Cunard line—the same authority further stating that obstacles are thrown in the way of a thorough inspection of the vessels of this line, for reasons best known to the agents and owners. As such a statement as this, and at this time, is calculated to add to the painful anxiety of those who have relatives and friends on board the *City of Boston*, I beg more emphatically to contradict it so far as this Company is concerned. The regulations established with regard to the loading of the vessels and the character of the goods allowed to be taken, are most particular and positive, and are always carefully adhered to, and no obstacle is ever thrown in the way of a thorough inspection of the vessels when being stowed, if desired, by any person having an interest in such inspection. I would add that this is the only line of British steamers that has never carried grain in bulk. The *City of Boston* left here drawing twenty-two feet three inches, on even keel, which is less than the average, and entirely within the limit allowed by the Government Inspectors in Liverpool, and when she left Halifax would have lightened fully a foot. I append a list of her cargo, and must beg you to give a place to this communication in your issue to-morrow.

Respectfully yours,

JOHN G. DALE, Agent.

CARGO OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

The following is the list of the cargo of the steam-ship *City of Boston* referred to in the above communication:

78 bales cotton, 36 bales hops, 895 boxes bacon, 300 tierces beef, 205 tierces lard, 45 firkins lard, 10,264 bushels wheat, in 3,769 bags, 2,871 bags corn, 327 bags oil-cake, 200 barrels flour, 27 barrels pork, 75 hogsheads tallow, 10 feet measured goods.

THE WHEEL NOT TOO DEEPLY LADEN.

OFFICE OF THE ATLANTIC MUTUAL INS. CO., NEW-YORK, 18th March, 1876.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I have investigated the question of the loading of the steamer *City of Boston*. This vessel is 355 feet long, 39 feet beam, 27½ feet depth of hold, and 2,918 tons gross, and her registered capacity is 1,650 tons. She is a screw propeller built wholly of iron. She has five bulkheads, with air water-tight compartments, and rates A 1. She was loaded with general cargo, estimated at less than 800 tons, of which she had of grain only 10,600 bushels, and her draught of water was twenty-two feet, while at twenty-three feet the Surveyor of the Board of Underwriters would have passed her and issued his certificate of seaworthiness. It does not appear that the vessel was loaded even to her full capacity.

Very respectfully,

{Yours obedient servant,

CHARLES DENNIS, V. P.

WHERE THE BLUNDER ORIGINATED.

The Toronto *Globe*, of March 17, says:

The blunder originated on the other side of the Atlantic, as is shown by the following letter from Mr. DWIGHT, of the Montreal Telegraph Company:

MONTREAL TELEGRAPH COMPANY, TORONTO, March 16, 1876.

The following, relating to the steamer *City of Boston*, may be of interest:

The announcement of her safe arrival at Cork was telegraphed from New-York for and wide early this morning, first, among the operators as soon as the offices were open, and even after she more formal announcement of the morning reports. Mr. KENNEY, Receiver-General of Ontario, also received a cable message early from Hon. JOHN ROSS, London, to say that the *City of Boston* had arrived; and another cable message from Manchester was received at Halifax to say that the *Boston* had arrived at Queenstown, and that Mr. KENNEY's son (a passenger) was ill. After some further delay Mr. ROSS again telegraphed to say that there had been some mistake as to the name of the steamer.

The Inman line agents, New-York, in the meantime, sent a cable message, and received an answer from London to say that there was no intelligence whatever of the missing steamer. Other messages confirming this have also been received. The extraordinary discrepancies in the reports received we can only account for, in the meantime, by supposing them to have been occasioned by some blundering of the English telegraph between London and Liverpool.

Very truly, H. P. DWIGHT.

THE BOAT IS SPOKEN.

The following cable dispatch was received and published in the Herald:

LONDON, March 18.—The advertisement of the New-York Associated Press, offering $500 rewards for the identification and punishment of the author of the *Obituary* notice published in the Times and other papers, appears today. Case Times and other papers, appears today. Case Times and other papers, appears today. Case